Poll gives Tories one-point lead

Leaders swing election battle back to tax

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major made his most forceful speech last night, condemning the "nightmare vision" of Labour's tax and public spending policies.

As the campaign reverted to its original battleground of taxation, the prime minister said that a Labour government would mean increases in inflation and mortgage rates, and higher tax.

Speaking in Birmingham last night, he also declared that pension plans would be wrecked. He made his attack as the latest opinion poll gave the Conservatives a one-point lead over Labour, at the end of a day marked by fierce exchanges between Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, and John Smith, his Labour

The Harris survey for today's Daily Express, conducted over the weekend and yesterday, put Tory support at 40 per cent, Labour 39, Liberal Democrats 17, and others 5 per cent. Last week's Harris poll gave the Tories a

Girl wins huge award

Victoria Lovell, now aged 11, was paralysed from the neck down after an operating theatre blunder. She will receive a compensation settlement worth several million pounds, the high court was told yesterday.

Undergoing an operation to correct a squint eight years ago, she suffered irreversible brain damage leaving her unable to speak or raise her head. .Page 2

Natwest chief stands down

Tom Frost, the chief executive of National Westminster Bank, is to stand down because of the appointment of DTI inspectors to investi-gate the role of senior NatWest management in the aftermath of the Blue Arrow rights issue.

Derek Wanless, his depu-

ty, is taking over "with immediate effect" to become the bank's youngestever chief executive Page 19

Singer sues

Jason Donovan, the Australian singer and actor, ap-peared in the high court yesterday to pursue a libel action he has brought as a result of an article in The

Yeltsin wins

Autonomous republics and regions inside the Russian Federation are meeting in Moscow to agree the final points of the federal treaty which, when signed, will present President Yeltsin

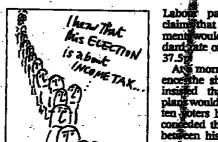
Israeli split

The resignation of David Levy as Israel's foreign minister has placed the future of prime minister Yitzhak Shamir in jeopardyPage 13

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five-point lead. The pollsters played down the significance of the shift because the polling for that survey was car-ried out only during the previous weekend

Mr Major said last night. that the Conservative future he wanted was one in which inflation was heading towards zero, taxes were falling. growth was well under way. and overtime and extra earnings were back in business. There would be a strong pound that held its value, no threats from flying pickets and there would be good state schools run by head teachers, governors and parents.
"We're not going to let so-

cialism slither in through the back door when it's being thrown out of the spont door all over the world. Mr Major said. "When they're kicking out big brother everywhe else, we're not going to let little brother come creeping back here." He said that Nei Kinnock was "nodding and winking and grinning, a foot-in-the-door salesman trying semi-demi-socialism".

Earlier the Tories angrily accused Labour of seeking to bribe the electorate with uncosted manifesto spending pledges, while Labour said that Mr Lamont had contradicted the prime minister's promise that there would be tax cuts every year to reach a standard rate of 20p.

During a heated debate on BBC Radio Four's World at One, the Chancellor accused Labour of "bidding for votes by bribery" by refusing to cost their manifesto promises. He said Labour's spending plans would lead to a bill of an extra £24 a week for the average taxpayer. Mr Smith countered that the Conservatives were "disreputable" in in-

party to fabricate that a Labour governwould raise the standard tate of tax from 25p to

Are morning encesthe shadow chances the shadow chances insight that Labour's tax leave eight out of but he oters better off, but he between his budget and the be very large". With the Conservatives claiming that the benefit for 11 million taxpayerswould be no more than 2p to 34p a week. Mr Smith said he could not say how many people would benefit by any ignificant amount.

Mr Kinnock said during tour in the Midlands that Conservative claims about Labour's tax plans were ridiculous, with the level of absurdity increasing all the time. "Not only do we need to get elected this time but we need to get re-elected. The idea therefore of putting a greater burden in extra taxation on the British people is non-sense," he said.

Labour claimed a government own goal on taxation after Mr Major yesterday set out a Tory target of reducing tax every year towards the aim of a 20p standard rate.

Mr Lemont admitted at the Mr Lamont admitted at the same press conference that there was "very little room for manoeuvre either on the tax side or the spending side", which Labour said amounted to a repudiation of the prime

Mr Major had argued, however, that the advantage of the new banding system was that it enabled the Chancellor to keep up tax-cutting measures even in years when able. Mr Lamont said yesterday that the Conservatives were unlikely to reach their target of a 20p standard rate in one parlian

Mr Smith said that Labour's "fair tax system" would make most people wealthier while raising extra resources for health, education and pensions. Labour is claiming that the average taxwould be £100 better

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BhS pays early bonus to beat Labour taxes

SENIOR managers of BhS, the department stores chain. have had their annual profitrelated cash bonuses advanced in time to avoid higher tax rates should Labour win the election.

Although the company's financial year ended yesterday, 50 managers, all likely to fall into Labour's proposed 59 per cent tax and national insurance band; have already received their bonuses. They will pay tax at current rates. By receiving the bonuses

average BhS manager on £60,000, receiving a 20 per cent bonus, will save £2,280 in tax should Labour come to power. The top paid executive at BhS last year was David Dworkin, who received £369,577. If he received a 20 per cent bonus of £73,915, he would currently face a tax bill of £29,566. Under Labour, it would rise to £43,609, including national insurance.

before the new tax year, an

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cocaine haul seized

By Elaine Foog

CUSTOMS officers who yes terday announced Britain's biggest ever haul of cocaine last night described how they had tracked the £150 million haul for 11 weeks.

Last night 14 people were being questioned following the find of 900 kilos, hidden in 32 large lead ingots, on board the MS Adviser. They had located the cocaine in January when the ship un-loaded at Felixtowe, Suffolk, from Venezuela.

Operation Singer, made up from 60 customs officers and detectives from regional crime squads, followed the ingots as drugs were moved between warehouses in the Midlands and Merseyside. The seizure of the cache, which followed painstaking intelligence work, is almost equivalent to the entire Cus-toms haul for 1991.

Customs think the cargo may have been part of a total consignment of over two tonnes of cocaine put together by a Colombian group. They believe the large ingots were used to avoid detection of the drugs by X-ray

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More Algerians try to enter UK illegally

Algeria is displacing Nigeria as the biggest source of illegal immigration to Britain as fears of fundamentalism grow, reports Christopher Walker

Scores of Algerians are try-ing to enter Britain illegally every month, many of them using false French identity papers. This is a significant rise in attempted illegal immigration into Britain, a country widely perceived by Algerians as less anti-Arab than their former colonial master. France. It could increase further if the fragile state of emergency in Algeria fails to halt violent attempts by fundamentalists to impose an Islamic state.

The influx of Algerians is part of a wave of would-be immigrants trying to enter Europe from North Africa. Many head for Spain and southern Europe. Growing numbers try to enter Britain via France, and the number of Algerians trying to slip into Britain is expected to be boosted by next year's planned relaxation of EC border controls as part of the advent of the Single Europe-

Official Algerian figures obtained by The Times show the number of Algerians deported from Britain during the first three months of this

year was 150, compared with 350 during the whole of 1991 and 180 in 1990. Almost all those deported were stopped at ports of entry. The spiral reflects the rapidly deteriorating economic situation in Algeria and the January coup which ousted President Chadli and overturned the election in which fundamen-

talists scored sweeping

The figures disguise a I much larger number of Algerians who have successfully evaded controls. Officials claim Algeria has now joined Nigeria at the top of the league table of those states with the highest number of expulsions at point of attempted entry into Britain. Diplomatic sources said that the great majority of Algeri-ans attempting entry after evading visa requirements were discovered at ports along the south coast
"Unscrupulous middlemen

are now operating inside France to produce false identity papers for the Algerians," a Western source said. "The Continued on page 18, col 8

Princess home for father's funeral

By ALAN HAMILTON

DRESSED in black and accompanied by her husband, the Princess of Wales arrived back in Britain yesterday after cutting short her Austri-an skiing holiday to prepare for the funeral of her father. Earl Spencer, who died of a heart attack on Sunday, aged 68. Looking sombre, the prince and princess flew from Zurich to RAF Northolt in northwest London and were immediately driven away. Their children, Prince William and Prince Harry, have been left behind at Lech in Austria in the care of their

nanny. Lord Spencer's funeral will be held at midday tomorrow at the little country church of St Mary the Virgin in the village of Great Brington. Northamptonshire, close to the family seat of Althorp. Nineteen previous Spencers are buried in the vault beneath the family chanel.

The prince and princess will lead the mourners at the earl's funeral with Raine, his wife, now the dowager countess, and Charles Althorp, his son, the ninth earl. The downger countess's mother, Dame Barbara Cartland, the novelist, will be absent because she is appearing in a chat show on Spanish television.

The service is to be conducted by Dr Mervyn Stockwood, the former bishop of South-wark, and the Rev Norman Knibbs, vicar of St Mary's. Lord St John of Fawsley, the former Norman St John Stevas, MP, who is a close family friend, will deliver an address and the ninth earl will read the lesson. The Queen, who attends the funerals only of her own close family, will not be present.

After the funeral, the dowager countess and the late earl's four children, including the princess, will accompany his coffin to the nearby town of Towcester for a private cremation.

Yesterday the gates of Althorp, the centrepiece of a 15,000-acre family estate fortune, remained closed to visitors. When they reopen, the new earl, his wife and year-old daughter intend to assume full running of the house and estate.

The dowager countess has already moved out to live at Continued on page 18, col 6



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Neil Lyndon concedes unashamed defeat at the hands of his cats and dogs Life & Times, Page 1

A REST

I'll be staying at home tomorrow.



Shall I compare thee to Good Queen Bess?

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the more outlandish theories about the authorship of Shakespeare's plays, that they may have been partially written by Queen Elizabeth I, has been given some credence by computers that analyse

faces. Studies of the engraving that adorns the First Folio of the Bard's works, and which some researchers have speculated holds the cine to the real author of the plays and sonnets,

have found a striking resemblance to the features of Good Queen Bess. The findings, published in the American magazine Pinel, are by Lil-lian Schwartz, a consultant to AT&T Laboratories in Murrayfield, New Jersey. Dr Schwartz's computer matching of facial features became a being contacted by Leslie Dressler, source of avid debate in 1986 when an academic at the Virginia Com-



Are they by any chance related? Bard and Queen

Leonardo da Vinci.

She turned to Shakespeare after



she linked the mystery model of the monwealth University in Richmond, Mona Lisa with that of its artist, Virginia. Dr Dressler believes that the Earl of Oxford was the real author of the plays. She hoped the computer matching of the Folio engraving.

made by Martin Droeshout and pub

lished in 1623, might reveal the earl's face and further his claim. Image analysis of the Shakespear engraving and paintings of the earl found no likeness between the two. Dr Schwartz also tried to imagematch the engraving with paintings of Edward de Vere, Francis Drake, Francis Bacon and more than a dozen other men linked with the mystery, but without success.

She was on a trip to the National Portrait Gallery in London when her attention was turned to Queen Elizabeth after seeing the 1588 portrait painted by George Gower. "It was there that I saw the Queen's eyes staring out at me and I thought, my God, this is incredible. I had been working with the engraving for months but I had not even really considered the queen," Dr Schwartz

said. She then carried out her Continued on page 18, col 8

14 held after **Customs seize** £150m record cocaine haul

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

36-hour operation.

Just as the distribution op-

cers and detectives from re-

gional crime squads struck in a co-ordinated investigation

Other large drug seizures have been made in Britain

and customs officers believe

that those had been en route

to Europe or the United States. But this time they

think that the cargo was

meant for the British market.

The cocaine has a high level

of purity. Sir Brian Unwin, chair-

"This is the biggest single haul of cocaine seized in the

UK. This success resulted

from international co-opera-

tion and the pooling of resources by the customs service and several regional crime

Sir Brian praised the "ex-

American authorities have been warning for some years that Europe will see an up-surge of cocaine abuse

because the US market is

saturated and prices in Europe are still relatively

high. The price of a gram

ranges from £50 to £100. The

cache found by Customs would have been adulterated

to generate considerable profits.

tremely difficult" surveillance

operation which tracked the

drugs to Liverpool.

called Operation Singer.

CUSTOMS investigators ers thought that they were were questioning 14 people last night after the seizure of a record cache of 935 kilos of cocaine worth up to £150 million which had been smuggled into Britain hidden

The seizure, prompted by intelligence work, is not far short of the entire customs haul for 1991 which reached just over a tonne. It is the largest recovery in Britain and one of the largest in

The large ingots may have been used to avoid detection of the drugs by x-ray scanners. But customs officers used special equipment capable of identifying whether they were solid or hollow.

Investigators believe the cargo was part of a total consignment of more than two tonnes of cocaine put together by a Colombian group and destined for the United States and Europe. Earlier this year Dutch police found 800 kilos of cocaine hidden inside lead ingots unloaded from a freighter which had also sailed from Venezue-la. In Venezuela police have seized 300 kilos of the drug. The British find was hid-

den in 32 large ingots weighing 64 tonnes which were unloaded at Felix MS Adviser, which had arrived from

Venezuela. The ingots, each holding 30 to 35 kilos of cocaine, were examined by customs officers and placed under 24-hour surveillance for II weeks as they were carried from warehouse to warehouse in the Midlands and Mersevside in two lorries until the traffick-



By PAUL WILKINSON

ALBERT Dryden was a merciless killer and not mentally ill when he shot dead a council planning officer, Newcastle crown court was told yesterday.

John Milford, QC, for the prosecution, was making his closing speech in the case against Mr Dryden who has Customs officers emptied denied murdering Harry the ingots while they were stored in one of the ware-Collinson, chief planning officer of Derwentside council. houses, melting off their tops as he supervised the demoliand removing the drugs in a tion of Mr Dryden's illegallybuilt bungalow. eration was about to begin in Merseyside, 60 customs offi-

The defence had produced psychiatric evidence claiming that Mr Dryden, aged 51 was mentally unbalanced by a continuing dispute with the local authority over his home near Consett, Co Durham. Mr Milford said, however: "He was a man who had decided what he was going to do. He used a firearm not to frighten or wound but to kill." Mr Dryden is alleged to have shot Mr Collinson at close range and fired twice more into his body. "That first bullet went mercilessly into Mr Collinson's heart," Mr Milford said. "Should there be any doubt about its effectiveness, two further bullets went into his vital organs. man of the board of HM Customs and Excise, said: That was murder."

The shooting last June was recorded by a local television crew and yesterday the jury watched the videotape for a second time. Mr Dryden has also denied attempting to murder Tony Belmont, a television reporter, and PC Stephen Campbell, who were wounded, and Michael Dunstan, a council solicitor, who escaped unhurt.

In the video, Mr Dryden was heard to tell the planning officer: "You are making a sad decision." Mr Milford said: "The decision had been made. If they didn't turn back then as a last resort he was going to get that gun and use it murderously." The case continues today.



Court role: Jason Donovan in London yesterday

Jason Donovan says sex slur disgusted him

By LIN JENKINS

JASON Donovan, the Australian actor and pop star. told the high court yesterday that he was disgusted when a magazine article suggested that he was homosexual and had lied about his sexual preference.

Charles Gray, QC, his counsel, said that the star of the West End revival of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat had been about to break into serious acting after a string of top ten hits and a stint in the Australian soap opera Neighbours when The Face magazine printed the article last August

Mr Donovan, aged 23, wearing a purple suit, white shirt and multi-coloured tie, is suing Nicholas Logan and Wagadon Ltd, publishers of the magazine and Benjamin Summerskill, a freelance journalist, for li-

bel. They deny libel.

Mr Gray held up a "crude and deeply offensive" photograph from the article.

He told the jury that emblazoned across the T-shirt Mr Donovan appeared to be wearing were the words "Queer as f***. The photograph with the accompanying text could only indicate to readers that he was "queer, gay, homosexual" and that his protestations that he was not were a "dishonest and deceitful

pretence". The photograph was a reproduction of a poster which appeared on walls in London last year. The mag-azine argued that it was an obvious composite picture with the words superim-

posed on the photograph.

Mr Doziovan said he was
not and never had been homosexual. He added that he had been disgusted by the article. "Look at it. This

Mr Kelly said Mrs Robin-

called and the banknote was

found to be of a type then

being taken out of circula-

By then she had suffered

injuries to her right arm and shoulder, which led to her

being unable to continue

working as an agency nurse at the national hospital for

in Neighbours in 1986. Suddenly I pick up a magazine that I read and which influences my friends and people in the entertainment industry, and now I am standing with the words Queer as free on the front of the T-shirt."

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He said: "People look up to me as an influence. Young kids certainly do. I see myself as a role model. someone who has set up an image, and I don't my and tamper with that too much I don't wear outrageous ciothes or do something

Mr Gray said the reader would think Mr Donovan had posed in the T-shirt in an unguarded moment, thus confessing to his true sexuality. Alternatively, the words could have been superimposed by someone to indicate in "graphic and striking terms" that his sexual preference was for boys or young men.
He said The Face main-

tained that the article was a serious piece about "outing", by which secret homosexuals are identified. "The defence of public interest or public concern which they put forward is really no more than a shallow and shabby pretext for disseminating what is an injurious and insidious slur on this young man."

Mr Gray said the truth of Mr Donovan's sexual preference should be private. but it was necessary to disclose it in this action. Mr Donovan's preference was, and had always been, the opposite sex. He saw nothing wrong with homosex-uals, but objected to the photograph and article since it suggested that his public denials of being homosexual were deceitful.



Hidden haul: a customs officer uses a welding torch to melt a hole in one of the lead ingots

Cash laundered in property sales

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND Yard is appealing to estate agents to look out for drug money which is being laundered through property companies.

A senior customs officer with the National Drugs Intelligence Unit has written an article in *The Estate Agent*, the montly magazine of the National Association of Estate Agents, to alert agents to the dangers. The report is headlined: "How drugs money finds a new home in property — you can help."

The officer says that he

decided to write the article after being involved in many of the big drug trafficking investigations of the past few years. "In virtually all of these investigations, I found that the proceeds of drug trafficking had been laundered through the property indus-

try," he writes.

The issue of laundering money is of particular concern at present, with the in-creasing popularity of selling property, especially reposses-sions, at auction in a depressed market. "Property sold by auction is a highly likely outlet for drugs cash,"

the article says.

Although it is impossible to know whethere drugs money is being used for a property transaction, the article says that the use of large sums of cash is usually an indication that the source of the money is not legitimate. The report is illustrated by a photograph of bundles of ESO notes.

The National Association of Estate Agents said yesterday that agents' keenness to sell in a depressed market meant that there was a need for extra vigilance. The association is planning to start a service operated by branch officers offering advice and

information to agents. The article says: "There have already been well documented cases where con-

known to have purchased property for substantial sums of cash. I am sure there have been similar instances where the property business has been used as vehicle for laundering drugs money which have not yet come to our attention simply because we are not aware of the identity of the drugs traffickers."

in the fight against illicit drugs." it says. "We would like agents to contact us be-fore during or after the prop-

victed drugs traffickers are

It gives a telephone num-ber for information and says that calls will be confidential. "It is the flow of information which is so important to us all erty transaction at the fin-ancial section of the National Drugs Intelligence Unit." The unit collates and issues financial information relating to the laundering of drug

miners' parliament, was ordered by Mr Justice Millett to cease trading in his Royal Cornish Consuls United Tin

Mines Cost Book Company. The judge granted the trade and industry department final judgment against Mr Trull, of Lerryn, near Lostwithiel, who had claimed that a decree of Henry VII gave investors in tin mines immunity from taxes levied by Parliament. Ruling that no such exemption existed in iaw, the judge granted per-manent injunctions banning Mr Trull and his colleague, Carl Skewes, from carrying on or advertising an investment business in the name of the tin mine company.

Mr Trull, described by the judge as a Cornishman "not only by allegiance but by profession", had argued that the Duchy of Cornwall was not part of the United Kingdom. The judge said the argument was "so misconcieved" that it was difficult to know how to refute it. "It is factually and historically wrong. Com-

claimed that investors in his also been loyal Englishmen tin mining company would and the many Cornish regiments who have fought so valiantly for England and have immunity from the community charge lost his battle to establish the legality of the scheme in the High Court Cornwall in all parts of the yesterday.

Fred Trull, aged 67, who describes himself as clerk to the Cornish Stannary tin

Cornishman loses

poll tax rebellion

By Douglas Broom

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

A CORNISH pensioner who loyal Cornishmen who have

The 1508 charter of Henry VII which Mr Trull claimed exempted Cornish tinners from paying taxes was a long and difficult document, but that was not its effect, the judge said. It was merely a promise by the king that neither he nor the Duke of Cornwall would make further demands on tinners without the consent of the stannary parliament, which had not

been convened since 1753. The tinners' parliament probably could no longer be legally assembled, although Mr Trull had purported to do so, the judge said. Since their abolition in 1896, there had

been no stannary courts.
His company, which was not limited by guarantee, had left investors seriously exposed. In law each shareholder was personally liable for all its debts and it had not been authorised as an investment

Mr Trull, who argued his case in person, said the share scheme had raised about scribing for £1 shares and most of the investors did not want their money back. He and Mr Skewes were ordered wall is at least as much a part of England as Pimlico," he said. "This contention seems to pay the costs of the three-day hearing. Mr Trull said that he would consider an to me to demean the many

Nurse sues clothes shop for the loss of her job

She thought it was a bargain, after she tried to pay for the

A NURSE'S shopping trip to buy clothes for a holiday endbuy clothes for a holiday end-ed in pain, humiliation and but the cost of that shopping trip for Mrs Robinson was the loss of her career pros-pects when a store manager counsel, told Mr Justice detained her on suspicion of trying to pass a counterfeit banknote, the High Court

was told yesterday. Eleanor Robinson, aged 47, of Islington, north London, paid for an £8 summer jacket with a £20 note at a sale at Dorothy Perkins in Wood Green, north London.

THE cases of 22 prisoners

who claim to be the victims of

miscarriages of justice were

sent to the Royal Commission

on Criminal Justice vesterday

investigated further.

with a call that each should be

They were sent by the National Association of Pro-

bation Officers, which esti-

mated that there could be more than 700 prisoners

wrongly convicted. The asso-

ciation called for the setting

up of a miscarriages of justice

commission employing its own legal staff and with the

power to investigate and hear

Harry Fletcher, assistant

general secretary, said that the main concern about the

22 convictions centred on

confessions obtained under

all aspects of a conviction.

Tudor Evans and a jury of eight women and four men. Mrs Robinson is suing the shop for damages for wrongful imprisonment, assault and the pain and suffering caused in July 1988 when Ian

Shaw, its manager, prevented her from leaving an office in which she was being held

pressure and in the absence of

a lawyer, the alleged fabrica-

tion of evidence, lack of foren-

sic collaboration, unreliable

prosecution witnesses, biased

summing up and alleged mis-direction of the jury. The sub-mission also highlighted the

difficulty prisoners claiming

their innocence experience in

qualifying for parole. "Those who have tried to engage with

the parole system have been thwarted," Mr Fletcher said.

the Court of Appeal and the discretionary power of the Home Office to investigate

alleged miscarriages of justice were inadequate to deal with

the number of claims being

made by prisoners.

The association said that

Inmates appeal for

enquiry on verdicts

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

nervous diseases, where she was due to take a staff job. She had to abandon a course in neurological nursing and her hopes of furthering her

tion, but still valid.

career were destroyed.

Mr Kelly said Mrs Robinson had pointed out to Mr Shaw that it was an old-style note and she invited him to telephone her building soci-ety, where she had obtained it, to verify her story. But he did not do so.

When Mrs Robinson rose to go, Mr Shaw said he was calling the police. As she reached the door, a "horrifying and frightening incident" ensued. There was a struggle. Mr Shaw put an arm round her neck and jerked back her right shoulder, immediately putting her in pain. She was pulled back into the room. By that time a security man had entered and stood guarding the door, Mr Kelly said.

After the arrival of the police, who cleared her of any

suspicion, Mrs Robinson left the store "shaking, in pain, crying and feeling she had been humiliated". The case continues today.

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Schools opt out 'too fast'

The trial continues today.

Schools opting out of local authority control are achieving grant-maintained status with "unprecedented haste", lished yesterday by the local authority-funded group Local Schools Information (Mat-

thew d'Ancona writes).
Since February 7, 35 schools have been told that they can opt out on April 1, giving them a maximum of eight weeks to arrange services previously provided by the local authority, the report said. Ten have been given the go-ahead this month and five face a transitional period of only three weeks.

£151,000 for Bentley racer

A classic three-litre Bentley sports car which broke the lap record in the Le Mans 24 hour race in 1926 sold for £151,800 at Sotheby's yester-day — £30,000 above the expected price.

The buyer is Stanley Mann, a leading Bentley dealer, who may race it again

dealer, who may race it again. He said he was "punch drunk" after a tense fourminute bidding battle against four competitors on the tele-phone during the sale at RAF Hendon, north London.

Skydive charge Robert George, aged 32. of Whitchurch, Shropshire, and David Harrison, aged 37. of Newmarket, Suffolk, were remanded on unconditional bail by Whitchurch magistrates until May 11 after being charged jointly with the unlawful killing of John Ward, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, who died on a parachute jump last August. Richard Thurman, the pilot,

Ham roll theft

also faces two charges.

Dennis James, aged 28, of Harlesden, northwest London, was given a 12-month conditional discharge after admitting stealing a £1.50 ham roll from a supermarket on Saturday by putting it down his trousers. Marylebone magistrates were told that he had been kept in custody after saying that he might not attend court.

M25 blocked

A pile-up involving ten cars and a car transporter blocked all nonthbound lanes of the M25 near Denham, Buckinghamshire, yesterday.

Brussels snuffs out the mysterious Mr Therm

THE therm, which has been used to calculate gas bills for 70 years, expires today. From tomorrow all gas bills in Britain will be charged, like electricity bills, in kilo-

watt hours. Since the decision follows a European directive which will rid Britain of almost all its imperial units of mea-surement except the mile for road signs and the pint for designt beer and returnable draught beer and returnable milk bottles, one might ex-pect a storm of protest. The difficulty is that, though the therm has been held in some affection, no one was quite

Even British Gas had to look it up yesterday. The answer, which is for the record's sake only at this late juncture, is that the therm was equivalent to 100.000

sure what it was.

Another little piece of British eccentricity becomes history today. Robin Young explains why there are no protests

British thermal units. The British thermal unit, for those whose memories of the science class is hazy, is the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of pure water by one degree Fahrenheit. Since pounds, pure water and Fahrenheit are all things of the past, the therm and BTU were obviously ripe

for replacement. Affection attaching to the mysterious therm lingers particularly around the engaging little character known as Mr Therm. Hurriedly produced for a London advertising agency by an artist called Eric Fraser in the 1930s, Mr Therm was adopted as the advertising logo of the Gas Light and Coke Company, predecessors of what is now British Gas North Thames He proved so popular that he was adopted by the industry as a whole when it was nationalised after the war, and remained in service un-

til the 1960s. Now that units for gas and electricity are the same, costs and consumption of the two fuels will be more easily compared. Gas customers in future will be paying 1.566p per kilowatt hour (kWh). Though electricity prices vary from region to region, the average cost of a standard domestic electricity tariff works out around 7.5p per kWh.

What is less easily dis-cerned is how gas meter readings are converted into the sums on the bill. That is because gas meters read neither therms nor kilowatt hours, but cubic feet. Gas bills will therefore have to show the conversion first to cubic metres (to get out of the dreaded imperial system) and then to kilowatt

The calculation will be explained in leaflets accompanying the first metric bills and in showroom literature available from today. It goes like this: the volume in cubic feet is divided by 2.83 to



Mr Therm: made his debut in the 1930s

convert it to cubic metres. The number of cubic metres is multiplied by the calorific value of the gas supplied, which is shown on the bill and is likely to be about 38.1

megajoules per cubic metre.
To get kWh, the resulting
answer is divided by 3.6.
To avoid accusations that the change will result in raised prices on the quiet, British Gas is assuring customers that its computers have been programmed to round down in all cases. There is, for example, a saving of 0.0001733p per kWh on the gas price itself. Further marginal savings will accrue from rounding down the conversions from cubic feet to cubic meteres and from cubic metres to kilo-

watt hours.
There will not be a fortune in it for anyone - unless, that is, some bright advertising spark can emulate Eric Fraser's achievement and turn the kWh into a bankable publicity asset.

Jason Donoval disgusted hin.

Medical error during routine operation for squint left victim unable to speak or raise her head

Paralysed girl likely to get millions

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A GIRL paralysed from the neck down after a blunder in a routine operation to correct a squint is to receive a compensation settlement worth several million pounds.

The High Court was told

yesterday that Victoria Lovell, now aged 11, suffered irreversible brain damage eight years ago which has left her unable to speak or even raise her head from the piliow - although she can see and smile.

No damages figure was announced in court when an agreement for a structured settlement was reached in the action brought on behalf of Victoria. But it will be based on a conventional lump sum award of well over £750,000, which the court approved.
The child had a cold when

she was admitted to Southampton eye hospital to have her squint corrected. The combined effect of anaesthetic and the cold blocked her airways and she suffered oxygen starvation, resulting in

massive brain damage.

She is said to be "mad keen" on Cliff Richard. But she is dependent on her parents for every need and has to stick out her tonguge to indi-cate "yes" and "no" in reJustice Otton adjourned the case for negotiations to continue on a new style of structured settlement. That would give Victoria an inflationproof annual investment income to provide care for the rest of her life.

In spite of her disabilities, she is expected to live into her fifties and on that basis would receive several millions over the years. The record structured set-

tlement was made last July,

with £14.8 million agreed for a road crash victim, Raymond Everett, aged 29.
The judge watched a video entitled A Day In The Life Of Victoria Lovell, showing how the child is cared for at home in Lundy Close, Lordshill,

Southampton, by her par-ents, June and Michael, and at a special school. He said: "One thing sticks out above the human devas-tation of this young life and that is the courage and devo-tion of parents." He added that they had "borne a heavy burden with patience and love" and had formed a rela-

tionship with the girl.
The judge said that the parents were in their fifties and, in spite of their wish to West Hampshire health au-



Eight years on: Victoria Lovell at the High Court yesterday when it was agreed that she should receive a structured settlement

care for Victoria themselves. carers would need to be brought in to help as they grew older, and those carers would eventually take over from her parents, he said. Approving the settlement ne-gotiations, the judge referred to the "devastation of this

young life". Southampton and South

with Mr Justice Scott Baker

and Mr Justice Hidden, agreed with the trial judge at

Winchester crown court that the attack had been cowardly.

But he said that the judge's

hands were tied by laws relat-

ing to the sentencing of young offenders. He was allowed to

impose either up to 12

months' detention or two

thority and Eric Machell, an anaesthetist, of Ampfield, near Romsey, admitted li-ability. It is hoped that a settlement can be announced within six weeks.

Outside court, lawyers said the hoped-for structured set-tlement, involving investment of a lump sum award of over £750,000, would result in Victoria receiving life income running into "several Edwin Glasgow, QC, for the Lovells, said their devotion to Victoria was remark-

able. They had given up their lives to care for her. The structured settlement, which provides a regular in-come over a period, is fast replacing the traditional

lump sum award in medical

cases. It has tax benefits and removes the uncertainty and worry about whether the hump sum award would last for a victim's lifetime. Previous structured settlements include: January 1991, Garylee Grimsley.

negligence or road accident

15, £2.1 million for aged 15, £2.1 million for minimimum 30 years or life; June 1991, Heidi Everett,

aged 14. £8.9 million paid over 50 years; a record sum in July 1991, Raymond Ev-erett, aged 29, £14.8 million paid up to 85; August 1991, John Payne, aged 12, £13 million up to 65; October 1991, Anthony Moore, aged 34, £4.8 million if he lives for 40 years: October 1991, Alexandra Mulligan, aged five,

Pub chefs unveil the foreman's lunch

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A NEW concept in pub food. the foreman's hunch, was launched yesterday by William Davis, chairman of the British Tourist Authority. As part of a campaign to improve the reputation abroad of British food he had recruitof British 100th he had retailed ed leading chefs from England. Scotland and Wales to devise high quality hunch dishes at pub prices.

"We all know what the leading had for hunch."

ploughman had for lunch. Mr Davis said. "What, I ask, does he want when he is promoted to foreman?" According to Franco Taruschio of the Walnut Tree inn, Abergavenny, Gwent, it could be turkey osso buco at £7.75. Phil Vickery of The Castle at Taunton, Somerset, Castle at Tainton, Sometiset, suggested braised beef with herb dumplings, celery and carrots (£4.70). David Hall from Murrayshall Hotel at Scone, Tayside, came up with spine with the state of the stat

spicy chicken and lemon kebabs (£4.75). These and other recipes will be available next month at 205 Whitbread pubs in the Brewers Fayre and Wayside Inn chains. "The trouble with most 'decent' pub food in Britain," Mr Vickery said, "is

that the people preparing it cannot cook."

Mr Davis, tucking into a "special", said: "We expect foreign tourists to spend £1.75 billion eating in Britain this year. 'Great Britain — great food' is a message we will soon be able to spread throughout the world.'

Youths convicted of killing go free

Sentence appeal misfires

By A STAFF REPORTER

TWO youths convicted of killing a 16-year-old school pupil walked free yesterday after an appeal by the Attorney-gener-al against the alleged leniency of their sentences misfired.

The Court of Appeal ruled that the manslaughter con-viction against Daniel Priestley, aged 17, was unsafe and unsatisfactory in the light of the trial jury's acquittal of a third youth and of inconclu-

THE constant search for im-

proved safety equipment in passenger aircraft could force

up fares and push passengers-onto other, less safe, forms of transport, a conference on air

safety was told in London

Federal Aviation Authority, said that the supply of "safety dollars" was limited and that

before new and costly improvements to passenger cab-ins were introduced a careful study should be undertaken

about their benefits. He listed

new safety regulations intro-

duced over the past ten years,

including many as a direct result of two of Britain's worst

air accidents at Manchester

in 1985 and Kegworth in

Dick Duffell of the Civil Aviation Authority said that since the late 1960s 64 per

cent of all fatalities would still

have occurred despite any im-provement in cabin safety. Only in 14 per cent of acci-

dents might such measures

Tom McSweeney of the US

what injury led to the death of Jonathan Sims, aged 16, four days after the attack on him

in a Salisbury street.

The appeal judges went on to reject a request by Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, the Attorney-general, for an increase in the sentence on the other convicted youth, Mark Willcocks, aged 16. Both had been sentenced to 12 months youth custody.

Lord Justice Woolf, sitting

have improved the chances of

survival, equating to the lives of 120 passengers a year world-wide or six in Britain.

The conference, organised by the parliamentary adv-

isory council for transport

safety at the Institution of

Mechancial Engineers, also

heard experts and air crash survivors say that more need-

ed to be done urgently to

improve safety. Wing Com-mander David Anton of the

RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine said that rear fac-

ing seats and upper torso harnesses would cut injury

The case of Willcocks, aged 15 at the time of Jonathan's death, was "borderline", Lord Justice Woolf said, and the Air safety search decision to impose a lowerscale sentence was not wrong in principle. Willcocks was due for release with remission can add to fares today and the court was reluctant to order an increase so near the end of a sentence. By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

Both youths were sentenced on October 25 last year for an alleged "grudge" attack on Jonathan, of Burgess Green, Salisbury, after he left a party in October 1990. Willcocks, who had pleaded guilty to manslaughter, admitted punching Jonathan, and Priestley was alleged to have kicked him. The injuries would not normally have proved fatal, but he died in hospital four days later from a

brain haemorrhage.

Lord Justice Woolf said that the court had "grave misgivings" over the appropriateness of the Attorney-general's intervention in the

risks and that in-flight videos fitted to seats could be dan-The Crown Prosecution gerous in an accident. Service had advised against There were calls for an appeal, but Sir Patrick was persuaded to bring it by Robstrengthened overhead lug-gage bins, the installation of ert Key, a junior government minister and MP for Salissmoke hoods, stronger floors, and tighter control over the bury in the last parliament amount of hand luggage. Mr Key said yesterday: "He Donat Desmond, a survivor was absolutely right to ask for of the M1 crash, accused the leave to appeal, given the public response locally. I was safety authorities of "delay-ing, filibustering and blocking". grateful to him for the trouble

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New Brontë death theory

SCIENCE EDITOR

THE long-held belief that Charlotte Brontë died from complications in pregnancy has been challenged by an American gynaecologist who has studied doctors' reports of the death of the author of Jane Eyre.

Gerson Weiss, of the New Jersey Medical School, says that Bronte, who died 137 years ago today, was not pregnant and died from Addison's disease, a condition caused by the failure of the adrenal glands. If she had died from

severe and sustained bouts of morning sickness (a condition known as hypereme-sis gravidarum, or HG), she would have died from dehydration, but Elizabeth Gaskell's biography seems to rule that out. Professor Weiss says. Two weeks before she died, she regained her appetite and began "to beg for food and swallow eagerly", according to Gas-



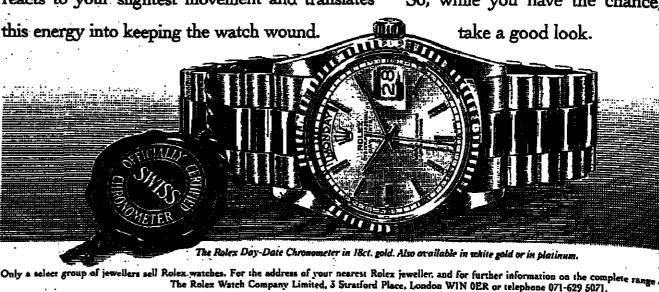
Charlotte Bronte: was not pregnant

kell. The symptoms are closer to those of Addison's disease, described as anorexia, nausea and loss of weight. Professor Weiss believes.

by the failure of the adrenal glands, located at the upper end of the kidneys, to secrete several hormones which are important in maintaining the body's balance of water and salts. Biochemical tests did not exist in Bronte's lifetime and it is unlikely that a proper pregnancy examina-tion was made, he says. Professor Weiss adds that understanding the cause of Bronte's death affects our

view of her life and perceptions of her creativity. Some psychiatrists believe HG to be the unconscious rejec-tion of femininity and one, Lucile Dooley, has written that Brontë was "fearful, conflicted and reluctant to accept her marriage and impending childbuth", an immature neurotic who simply wrote a vivid description of her own life.

Professor Weiss is seeking to protect Bronte from psycho-biography by pro-viding a posthumous diag-nosis of what ailed her. 'Ascribing unexplained symptoms in anyone to either neurosis or hysteria is as inappropriate today as it was in the mid-19th cen-



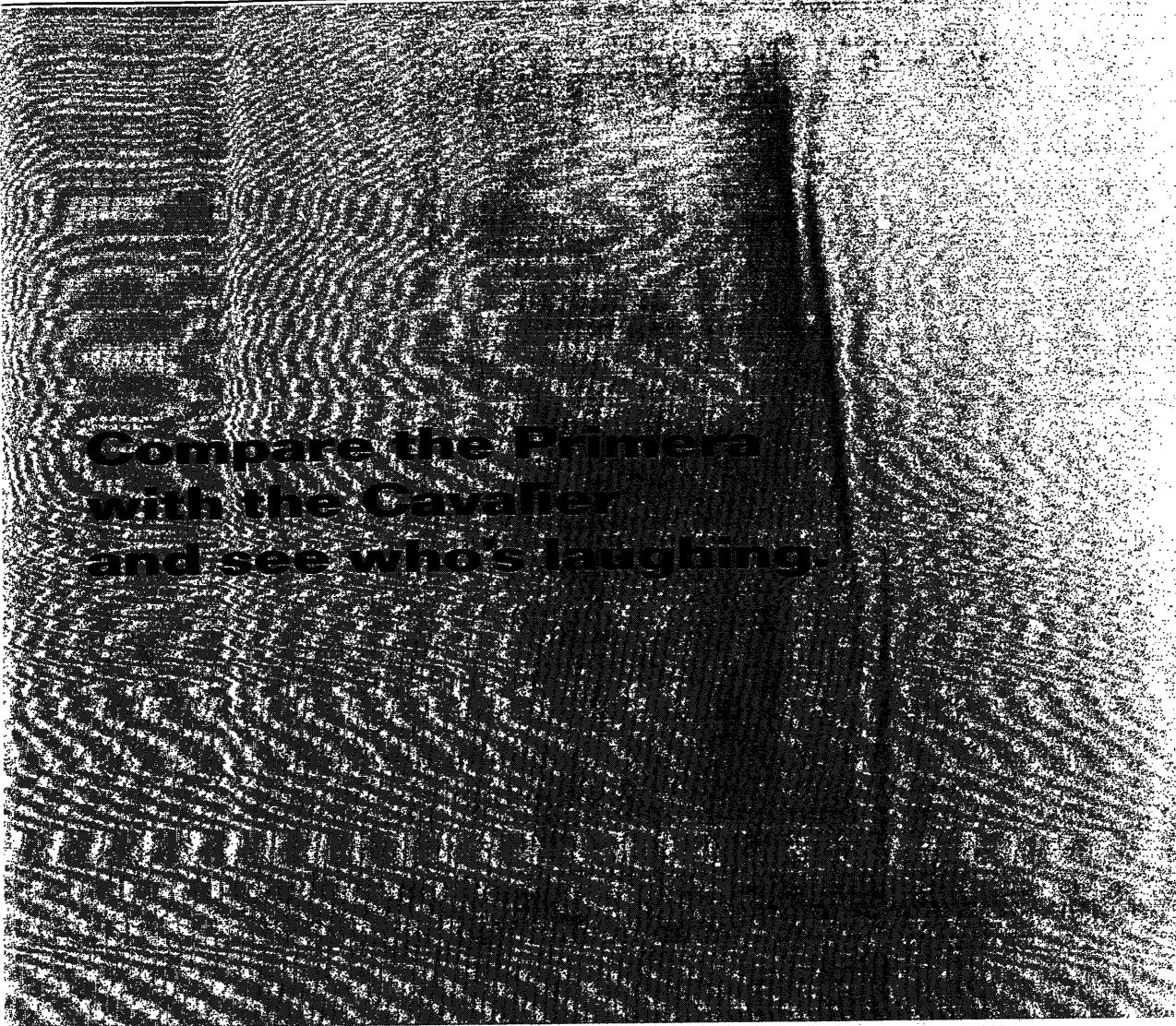
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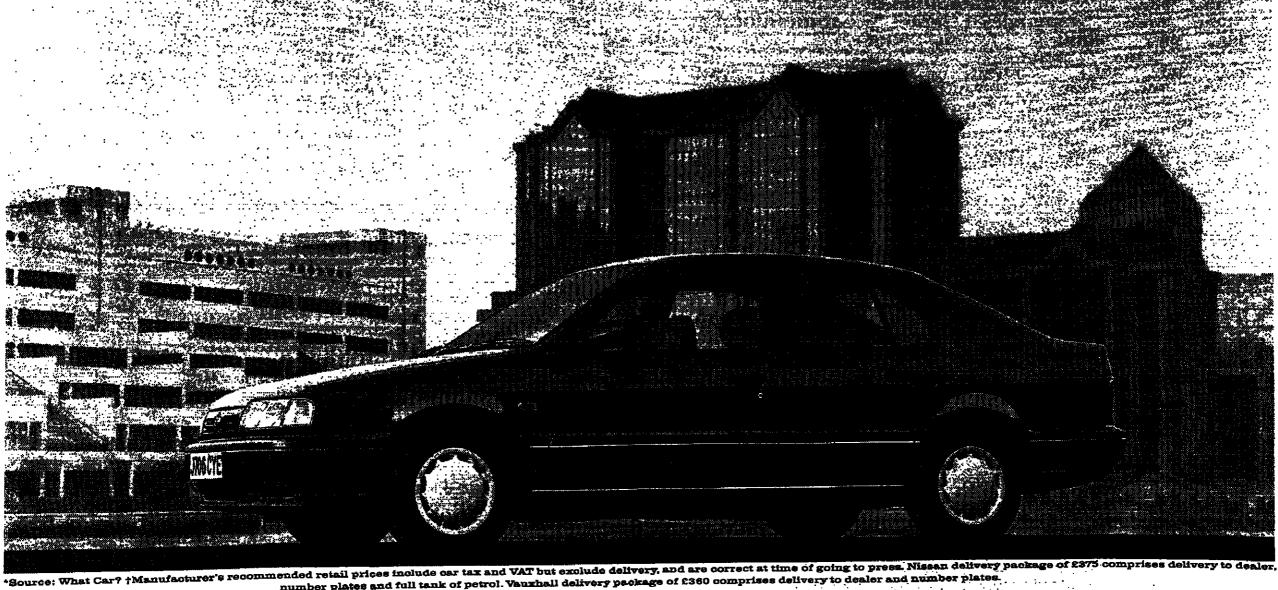
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Lord Harris: 'Political

A MODEL prisoner who absconded from jail in despair after serving 24 years for a murder he denies committing has become the focus of a campaign to reform the sys-tem in which "lifers" are released

on licence by the home secretary.
Roger Payne, aged 50, who has been on the run for six months, was consistently denied release by Home Office ministers in spite of recommendations for release by the Parole Board in consultation with the Lord Chief Justice. The reason for the continued imprisonment of the former bank clerk, who was convicted in 1967 of the murder of Claire Josephs, a 20year-old secretary, is said to be his repeated protestations of

Peter Timms, former governor of Maidstone prison, where Payne spent part of his life sentence, said yesterday that he sympathised with Payne's predicament. In a decade, the home secretary's veto on Parole Board recommendaA man serving life for murder cannot gain release on licence because he protests his innocence. Michael Horsnell reports

tions for release of prisoners serv-ing life sentences has increased from 3 per cent to 30 per cent. Campaigners blame the increase on a new "culture of severity" at the Home Office.

Lord Harris of Greenwich, former chairman of the Parole Board, attacked the way ministers ignored the views of judges and the Lord Chief Justice, while the Howard League for Penal Reform called for a government review of the life licence system.

Lord Harris said: "It is grossly unjust that the views of the trial judge and the Lord Chief Justice can be ignored. It is political intervention in what should be a judicial process and that gravely undermines the integrity and fair-ness of the system."

caped from Lindholme prison, Yorkshire, last October nearly 24 years after being convicted on forensic evidence at the Central Criminal Court of the apparently motiveless murder with a bread knife of Mrs Josephs at her home in Shordands, Kent.

He remained a category A prisoner at Wormwood Scrubs until 1975 but was transferred to Maidstone the following year. Payne became education orderly and as a 'blue band" prisoner was trusted within two years of his transfer to escort other prisoners unsupervised by prison officers. He regularly tended the governor's garden at his home outside Maidstone and took rea with Mr Timms and his wife. Three years after transferring there, Payne launched an unsuccessful High Court action to

force the Parole Board to give its reasons for twice refusing him life

In 1981, he was again rejected by the board, without a reason being given. In 1988, 20 years into his sentence, he was transferred to Leyhill open prison, near Bristol, where he was told it would be a further two years before his case would be reviewed. At Leyhill he was released three days a week to serve an apprenticeship with Creative Glass, a Bristol company making stained and decorative glass, and allowed home leave at weekends to see his mother.

Mike Slaughter, a partner of the firm, said: "Roger was a good employee and the plan was that when he was released he would work for us full-time. He even went, without supervision, to look at houses where he might live. He was totally reliable in all respects." In 1990, the Parole Board recommended Payne's release to the

home secretary but, because he

continued to protest his innocence of the murder, it was rejected. Last year, facing an extension of his sentence to 28 years, he was transferred to Lindholme and absconded, an action which had been open to him for nearty 12 years and which he had resisted.

Mr Timms, his former gover-nor, said: "I was dumbstruck when I heard his release had been refused. His escape is regrenable but it is understandable. I have no doubt he was turned down because he insisted he was innocent. The rationale behind Home Office thinking is that because he refused to accept his guilt he was hiding something from himself and there was a risk his alleged criminality

Life imprisonment is the mandatory sentence for murder but the trial judge makes a private recom-mendation on the length of sentence to be served and that is sent to the home secretary via the Lord Chief Justice. Only the home secre-

licence of a life prisoner after considering the advice of the Parole Board on the risk and the Lord Chief Justice on the length of detention necessary to satisfy the requirements of retribution and deterrence.

From October, instead of the home secretary, an independent mibunal will decide when it will be right to release discretionary life sentence prisoners convicted of rape, attempted murder or terrorist offences. Campaigners want the responsibility for releasing murderers given to the tribunal.

While on the run, Payne contacted BBC Radio's Face the Facts programme and said: "I was told that unless I conceded guilt I would be kept inside. I will never give myself up because they are not playing fair by me." The Home Office, which had said that Payne was not regarded as dangerous when he absconded, declined to

Health chiefs switch care of the elderly to private nursing

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALITH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

HEALTH authorities are withdrawing from long-term care of the elderly and allow-ing private nursing homes to step into the gap in a form of "creeping privatisation" of the NHS, an independent health think tank says.

Some authorities, under increasing financial pressure, are transferring their longterm patients to private mursing homes and withdrawing financial support. Those who can afford it (or their relatives) pay their own way and those who cannot have their

bills paid by social security.

The net effect is that the poor continue to have their care financed by the state, while contributions from the better-off help to subsidise other services. The transfer of

Prisoners toast 150 years of captivity

MORE than 400 prisoners will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Perth prison this week, although officials of the Tayside jail more tactfully describe the event as marking a "150-year link with the Perth community". The programme includes a ten-mile charity run . . . within the walls.

The maximum security prison houses some of the most dangerous criminals, as well as people held for minor offences or awaiting trial. They will be taking part in a football match against Friarton prison, Tayside, and watching a game in the grounds be-tween Dundee United and St Johnstone, a sports quiz and a show with the comedian Andy Cameron. A charity ball will be held in Perth - without the prisoners.

The celebrations indicate a marked change from the Eighties, when Scotland's penal system saw riots, hos-tage-taking and destruc-tion. In October 1987, a prison officer at Perth was taken hostage, less than 48 hours after an officer seized at Peterhead prison. Grampian, was freed by an SAS assault team. Reforms which have been intro-duced include a reduction in overcrowding. Perth prison's population has been cut from more than 800 seven years ago to 447

yesterday.

The first convicts at Perth were shipped up the Tay or marched across country from Dundee in 1842 to experience Scotland's first purpose-built ail on the site where. French prisoners of war had been kept until the end of the Napoleonic wars. The convicts exchanged damp, cold cells in various towns and villages for cen-trally heated cells on four floors, nourishing if plain food and a hospital for the

feeble-minded. Their menu consisted of oatmeal, potatoes, broth, bread and milk. Although porridge is still available each morning, yesterday's breakfası menu also included cornflakes, bacon and beans. Luncheon was steak pie or chicken curty and tea was lasagne or

resources from rich to poor could therefore win the sup-port of those who believe that a comprehensive NHS, free at the point of choice, can no

longer be afforded.

Writing in Health Care
UK, published by the King's Fund Institute, Anthony Harrison, the editor, says that people requiring continuous care because of ill-health are officially the responsibility of the NHS, as stated in the government's patient's charter. By ending that commitment and releasing the resources, more may be spent on other services available to all. "If you don't mind longterm health care becoming a means-tested service, then that's OK," he said. "But the counter view is that it is the thin end of the wedge. If you want to preserve the citadel of an NHS free to all, then it is a bad thing."

A survey by Age Concern showed a clear divide between authorities which saw continuing care as an impor-tant part of NHS provision and those which considered that, because it cannot produce "positive" results, it should not be located within the NHS. It found that many people were unaware of their rights and had been persuaded to take on the burden of financing their own or their relatives care when transferred from hospital.

The point is that people don't know where they stand," Mr Harrison said. "There is a deliberate muddle in health authority thinking.

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA

SMACKING and other

forms of physical punishment

should be outlawed and par-

ents urged to adopt more

constructive forms of disci-

pline, an international con-

ference of child welfare cam-

Smacking is already illegal

in Sweden, Finland, Den-

mark, Norway and Austria, with Germany and Canada

considering reform legisla-

tion. psychologists, paedia-tricians and lawyers from 22 countries were told. They

were in London to test pro-

gress of the United National Convention on the Rights of

the Child, which protects children from "all forms of

physical or mental violence".

member of the UN commit-

tee overseeing the convention, said that physical punish-ment often left an ugly legacy.

"The psychological impact on

children is much deeper than

we once thought. There

seems to be a social heritage:

children who are beaten by

their parents will beat their

own children. Law-makers

must break that vicious cir-

outright abuse. "You cannot

reach children to respect each

other and solve problems by

using personal violence on

Parents

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them," she said.

Thomas Hammarberg, a

paigners was told yesterday.

There is an inexplicit redefinition of the boundary of free NHS provision."

He said that uncertainty would increase after April 1993, when most social security funding for nursing and idential care is transferred to local authorities, under community care plans.

The issues go to the very heart of any debate about how a tax-finaced service such as the NHS should use the resources made available to it," he said. "Should it attempt to do everything for everyone, and run the risk of satisfying no one? Or should it settle for a circumscribed role within which it may be able to offer a service that does satisfy the demands placed upon it."

providing dental treatment should be relaxed so that extra workers can be recruited to target areas where dental health is poor, a report by David Taylor in Health Care UK says. Almost 80 per cent of all tooth decay suffered by children occurs in the most vulnerable 20 per cent, the report says. Dental auxiliaries could play a cost-effective role in offering advice and education.

People of working age living in the North are two to three times more likely to have lost all their teeth than people living in the South. Yet spending on dental services is up to 20 per cent higher in the Thames regions than in Trent, the West Midlands and the North.



Pincer movement: Martin Attrill, a National Rivers Authority biologist, with two Chinese mitten crabs at National Power's West Thurrock station, Essex. Their discovery suggests the crab, originating from Far East paddy fields, is resident in the Thames. Its name derives from a black covering on its claws

Smacking Children left to **'leaves** abuse solvents a legacy'

PARENTS and teachers are scared to confront the dangers of solvent abuse in case their children are branded as "problems", a conference was

told yesterday.

Doctors, social workers, health care workers and the police also lack knowledge of the issue, the biggest killer of children after road accidents. It is usually humped with drugs but it is a separate question needing different treatment and advice. Parents shied away from meetings organised by schools. A survey, announced at the

conference in London organised by Re-Solv, the Society for the Prevention of Solvent and Volatile Substance Abuse, showed that only 19 per cent of professionals felt confident about help-mg and giving information and 11 per cent had no idea. where to find advice.

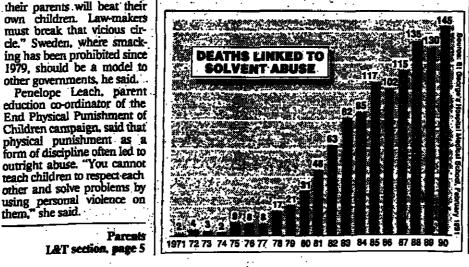
Many parents were aware that glue could be inhaled but had no idea how it was done. They felt it was something that would never happen in their family and suggested

that it was not even a recognisable issue. Children tended to be more aware of

the dangers. Margaret Dunn, of Research International which carried out the survey last December, said that in general parents did not want to admit that solvent abuse could affect their family. But when they found out how dangerous it could be they

became concerned. Barrie Liss, chairman of Re-Solv, said solvent deaths were increasing. "Three children a week are dying from solvent abuse. We owe it to their families and to future generations to make everyone aware of the dangers."

Government figures show that from only two deaths in 1971, there were 135 in 1988 and 145 in 1990 — the latest available. The Co-operative Wholesale Society, which sponsored the research and the conference, said that it has also commissioned a survey to find out if labelling solvents with a danger warning would discourage abuse.



Church and young drifting apart

A survey of young people shows a growing gulf between their moral standards and those of the church, Ruth Gledhill reports

A WIDENING gulf between young people and adult churchgoers has emerged in a survey which shows deep divisions on attitudes such as sexual ethics, drug use and Christian beliefs. Interviews with youth club members, Another said: "The idea you get is that the church is there and it's willing to help, as long as they don't have to youth workers and church members in the South-West suggest that local churches actually dirty their hands with help." Mr Bell says that the are failing to meet the spiritual needs of youngsters.
According to the £6,000

survey, carried out with Brunel University and spon-sored by several Christian trusts, young people were "considerably more permissive" in their sexual activities and more accepting of homo-sexuals than their elders. Fewer than one in ten of those aged under 21 thought it important to remain a virgin until marriage, compared with more than eight out of

Youth workers and adults drank alcohol more regularly than the youngsters, although the young smoked more cigarettes. Youth work-ers had the widest experience of drug use, with more than a third having used cannabis and some having used solvents, although most said that they no longer used

ten church members.

drugs.
The survey's author, Arkle Bell, a field officer with the Scripture Union's Frontier Youth Trust, says that many of the youngsters had unor-thodox Christian beliefs. A quarter believed that Jesus Christ was God and a third believed him to be alive today, although more than two thirds believed that he rose from the dead. More than half believed in God and most believed Jesus was his

son. Four fifths did not at tend church regularly.

One youngster who re fused to go to church said: "It's a rough area. You get the mickey taken out of you."

youngsters are spiritually aware but not active churchgoers: "There may be sparks of faith among these young people, but nowhere is it firmly rooted in a community called 'church'."

He says that youth work is not about gaining converts, but about social education and transmitting values. Neither the youth workers nor the young people saw the church as being the most important agent in setting moral standards. At one youth centre, near a difficult housing estate, the local clergy were often threatened by the centre's success, he says. The main results are to be

published next year by the Evangelical Alliance. Although the survey sample was small — 51 people in Avon, Devon, Dorset and Somerset were interviewed individually and in groups, and filled out questionnaires Mr Bell believes that he has unearthed evidence which could help youth workers in deprived areas. "Young people may need to be helped to find beliefs and values in their own lives," he says. "If Christians fail to encounter young people on their territory, then failure may be the only option available to the church."

Farmers force onion manager to resign

By DAVID YOUNG

FARMERS in Brittany have forced the French sales manager of a company in Britain to resign by threatening his family. The company is trying to sell Turkish onions in northern France.

Ludovic Faujour, aged 29, said that he decided to leave the transport firm Davex after a gang of French farmers tracked down his parents at their home.

They telephoned my parents in France and threatened to cover their house in slurry and drive a tractor through it. I could not put them through this,"he said.

M Faujour lives in Louth, Lincolnshire, and has worked for Davex, based at Welton le Wold, near Louth, for three years. The farmers are trying to stop Davex from taking three lorryloads of onions to the French market.

A British lorry driver has been hijacked at gunpoint and his lorry and cargo of onions worth £32,000 have been burnt by the farmers. The company's packing house manager in France was shot at by farmers at the

Peter Davis, the managing director of Davex, said: "This is not a row over imports. This is terrorism, and there is nothing I can do about it.

"My sales manager has come to me today and re-signed. The farmers tracked down his family in France and threatened them, scaring them all. I don't know what

the farmers will do next. "This whole business is costing us a fortune. All the time the condition of the ornions is deteriorating. They have already lost 20 per cent of their value because of the

"Now I am starting to lose staff as well. Nobody is doing anything to help me. I want full compensation from the French government. They

should foot the bill, but nobody will talk to me." Davex has tried to get four fortyloads of onions from Turkey to its own packing

ouse at Roscoff, near Brest in Brittany. After the attack on the first orry, a second British driver has travelled to Brest and is

planning to make the trip

past the gang of 200 French farmers to the packing house. Two other drivers are in Strasbourg. They have both said that they are reluctant to make the journey.

American visitor 'raped at museum

An American doctor's wife on a tourist visit to London was raped outside the British Museum, a Central Criminal Court jury was told yesterday. The woman, aged 30, re-turned to Britain yesterday to give evidence against Giovanni Castagno, aged 32, of Gravesend, Kent, who

pleaded not guilty to rape. Roger Anelay, for the pros-ecution, said that Mr Castagno had followed the woman at night last August and threw her down on a bench by a statue of a lion at the museum in Bloomsbury. central London. The alleged victim said she tried to fight off her attacker but he held her by the neck and said: "I am Italian, I am a man, and I

The trial continues today.

Bomb' fine

A Spanish businessman who told Heathrow customs officers that he was carrying a bomb was fined £600 by Uxbridge magistrates yesterday for making a false state-ment. Miguel Herberg-Hartung, aged 47, of no fixed address, missed his flight.

Man cleared

Robin Connell, aged 51, a Essex police, was cleared at Norwich crown court of obtaining property by deception and false accounting. Mr Connell, of Maldon, Essex, had denied making false expenses claims.

Missing head

Birmingham street sweepers have been told to look out for a head from a £275,000 statue in the city centre. It is believed that the head, from a statue depicting people in art, science and literature, was knocked off by drunken youths and used as a football.

Life sentence

James Anderson was jailed for life by the Central Criminal Court for the murder of his stepmother at Crickle-wood, northwest London. He mutilated her body with an electric carving knife.

Ambridge GP

A country GP, John Wynn Jones, aged 41, of Montgomery, Powys, who contacted the makers of the BBC's The Archers radio serial to let them know what he thought of Ambridge events, has been appointed medical adviser to

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Conservative choice

Major offers his vision of 'power to the people'

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPON

JOHN Major last night presented electors with a stark contrast between a night-mare Britain under Labour and a Conservative future in which everyone had power

Mr Major launched his fightback against lagging poll ratings and sharp internal criticism of the Tory elec-tion campaign by comparing how Labour and Conservative policies would affect ordinary families. In a speech marking a new attacking phase in the Tory campaign, Mr Major depicted a "nightmare on Kinnock Street" in which inflation was rising, tax was increasing, mortgage rates were rising and person-al pensions were wrecked.

But in response to complaints that the Conservative effort has been too negative, the prime minister coupled his onslaught with a clear statement of Tory vision and aims for a fourth term of government. It was Mr Major's most hard-edged and passionate speech of the campaign and one designed to meet the criticism that the Tories have yet to set out a convincing case why they

should be re-elected. Addressing a rally at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, Mr Major said that Britain did not want socialism, did not need it and could not afford it because it spread envy, created division, nourished spite and made people feel uneasy about their schievements. In a clear signal that the Tories do not yet feel they are winning the battle over tax cuts, Mr Major

Essex man will

vote for a Conservative

government ?

- Mrs Thatcher in

We shall win the

election outright ?

- Neil Kinnock

6 A Liberal

Democrat vote is

said that people should not feel guilty about being suc-cessful. They should not fall for the "socialist con trick".

He said the Conservative future he wanted was one in which inflation was heading towards zero, taxes were failing, more money was in peo-ple's pockets and growth was well under way. Mr Major said that in his future there would be a strong pound that held its value, there would be no threats from flying pickets. and there would be good state schools, run by head teachers, governors and parents. There would be a modern expanding health service and more say for the GP in how the best

care should be given.

Many families would have bought the house in which they lived, helped by the extension of right-to-buy poli-cies, he said, and shares from privatisation would grow in value once the threat of a Labour government had gone. Millions more people would be helped to get their own

Under Labour, he argued there would be no control of inflation, and big tax in-creases instead of tax cuts. What price then the new car, the holiday, the mortgage?" Mr Major asked. Overtime would no longer be worth it because of increases in nat-ional insurance contributions; recovery would be clobbered by tax hikes; and inward investment would be chased away and jobs de-stroyed. The pound would fall and devaluation would be on the agenda. There would be

places scheme, and ar schools would be Trust hospitals would be gone along with all the reforms that had cut waiting

lists, le said. House prices would phings, Mr Major said, and mortage rates would not be cut. Shere would be no work for small businesses, and shares in privatised companies would be renational-ised or their value driven down. At the end of their lives he said, people would face inheritance tax that would take the fruits of their work. There would be no big legacy for the children, just one last cheque for the state. Mr Major acknowledged

the impact of the recession on the property market. Though there were difficulties and sacrifices, it would in the end be worth it, he said. Under the Conservative

government people would ep and increase the wealth their hard work had earned.
"Choice for the people. Ownership by the people. Power to the people — that's our aim. Opening the doors that so-cialism holds shut. I want every man and woman in Britain to enjoy the right to own and the power to choose."

Mr Major's tough-talking speech followed a day in which his more aggressive campaigning style had been in evidence. In Cheltenham, in support of John Taylor, the Tory candidate, he jumped on to a soapbox - as he had done in Luton on Saturday He said that he would main tain the new approach



Drumming up support: Jack Straw playing a steel drum yesterday at Thomas Tallis school, southwest London

Education is proving a slow starter

By John O'Leary, education correspondent

Smith blames slump on prime minister

A RENEWED effort to pin

Labour campaign

blame for the recession squarely on John Major was mounted last night by Lahour against the background of opinion polls showing that the public largely absolves him from responsibility. John Smith, the shadow

a positive vote — a Chancellor, said that in the vote not for one 16 months Mr Major had side or the other of been prime minister he had the old political not presided over a single parties but a vote quarter of economic growth. His premiership had been for a new future ? — Paddy Ashdown marked by unrelenting economic decline, rising unemployment, record-breaking 6 I do not have a levels of home repossessions

shred of doubt and business failures. that between now Mr Major sought to shrug and April 9 we off responsibility by suggestwill persuade ing that Britain's economic people of our problems were the result of the policies pursued by Marpositive plans? garet Thatcher's administra-— John Major tion, he said. What he overlooked was that in the three 6 Thirteen years years before he became prime ago the

Conservatives promised they would raise education standards. Thirteen years on they have failed? - Jack Straw, Labour education

6 Mr Kinnock makes the gaffes, and then Mr Smith comes along and tries to clear them ?

Norman Tebbit

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— John Prescott on Tory transport policy

When they're kicking out Big Brother everywhere else we're not going to let little brother come creeping back here?

– John Major giving a warning against electing Labour

pen. Or the former chief secretary who played second fiddle at the Treasury from 1987. They are the guilty Treasury men, the Treasury ministers who got it so badly wrong — all called John Ma-jor," Mr Smith told a raily in Lichfield, Staffordshire.

Mr Smith attacked Tory tax policy, claiming it had shifted the burden of taxation away from the rich to ordinary families and the poor. "The Conservatives' favourite policy of carrot and stick. All the carrots for the rich and all the sticks for the poor. ... Benefit cuts for the poor and tax cuts for the rich."

The tax burden on a family with two children on £13,000 a year had risen from 30.9 per cent in 1979 to 34.9 per cent, he said. The increase in value-added tax and higher national insurance contributions had outweighed cuts in income tax. "The proposals minister. Mr Major held the in Labour's Budget are untwo senior Treasury posts. ashamedly biased in favour of "Just blame the guilty men who went before. Not me Guv." Try the former Chanwealth creation and wealth creators, because under Labour we will all be wealth cellor in 1989 who said that a recession would never hap-

big idea that sweeps either of crats' concentration on edu-the main parties to power, cation has coincided with a they have left it late to make their mark. Labour launched its education policy yesterday in the knowledge that the Liberal Democrats had made much of the running in the

first half of the campaign.

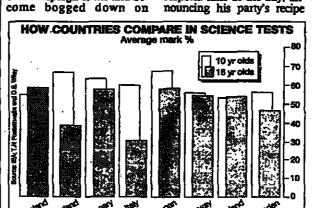
John Major promised to place education at the top of his domestic agenda by ad-dressing the subject before even launching the Conservative manifesto. Labour had already set out their stall be-fore the election was called.

While Labour and the Conservatives have squabbled over campaign ethics and be-

IF EDUCATION is to be the health, the Liberal Demo- for improving standards and reforms as opting out. rise in their popularity. The proposal for a penny on income tax to fund a £2 billion education and training programme achieved the highest approval rating of the week,

at 78 per cent. The success of his party's apparently risky strategy en-abled Paddy Ashdown, the leader of the Liberal Democrats, to attack his opponents' reticence, as well as the absence of firm spending

Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, began to respond later in the day, an-



attacking the record of Libthorities. Today will see details, which were to have been announced last week, of Labour's £600 million spending commitments for a first year in government.

Mr Straw said that the main items would be to tackle the backlog of school repairs, to buy more books and equip-ment for state schools, reduce class sizes, and introduce a Reading Recovery Programme to prevent one in seven leaving school unable to

> "At the heart of our programme is the relentless pursuit of higher standards. We will establish an Education Standards Commission tough, independent of ministers; a body whose only task will be to monitor standards in every school, and to see that they are raised," he said.

The Conservatives have placed little emphasis on education since the publication of Mr Major's "Thirty-nine steps", perhaps because it is not seen as an area in which they can expect to win votes. Even Kenneth Clarke, the

Some Conservatives would campaign, however. Profes-sor David Marsland, director of the Centre for Evaluation Research at the West London Institute, says in a pamphlet published this week by the Campaign for Real Education that Mr Straw was deceiving the electorate into believing that education was safe in socialist hands.

Recent studies show British pupils lagging behind many other countries in mathematics and science. Successive surveys have also suggested a decline in reading standards in primary schools, and the proportion of national wealth spent on education remains well below most advanced industrial nations. Yet the election is turning out to be far from the culmination of the education debate started by Lord Callaghan 25 years ago.

POLLWATCH by Ivor Crewe

What the don't knows really do

The Conservatives are resnatch a last-minute victory by appealing to the "don't knows", whom they believe number up to 10 million. The precise number is im-

possible to say.
In last week's Mori/Times poll, 28 per cent — about nine million voters — said they were undecided and the most recent Mori/Sunday Times poll, using a different definition, came up with the identical proportion. After being asked which party they were "most inclined" to support, the don't knows in the Mori/Times poll dropped to 7 per cent. Bob Worcester. Mori's chairman, has argued that as most "don't knows" are "won't votes", and the official abstention rate is 25 per cent, the real floating vote might be tiny.

The truth lies in between these figures. Allowing for the inaccuracy of the register, the true proportion not voting is normally about 15 per cent and, being uninterested in politics, they tend to be under-represented in opinion polls. The "don't knows" in the polls may be less likely to vote than the do-knows, but about half will vote none the less. At least some of the do-knows will change parties between now and election day.

he "don't knows" com-I prise two different groups. The first are apathetic and uninformed 'don't cares', of whom only a minority will turn out on election day, haphazardiy splitting their vote between the three parties.

Those in the second group are closer to John Stuart Mill's ideal of the serious citizen. The majority will vote and decide on the basis of the remaining campaign. William Miller's study of the 1987 cam-paign, How Britain Votes. showed that the majority of such voters did know that anti-Conservative. For most the choice was between Tory and the centre or between Labour and the centre.

The centre benefits disproportionately from both groups. In the past three elections voters who decided only in the final stage of the campaign voted in above average numbers for the Liberals and SDP.

The don't knows have so far split 4 to 3 in favour of Labour, according to the Mori/Sunday Times poll. But the small print of the polls suggests that the remaining "don't knows" are likely to plump for the Conservatives (or Liberal Demo-crats) rather than Labour. Ivor Crewe is professor of government at the University of Essex

Levitating candidate rises above the fray

flew into Shetland on a plane I packed with wide-eyed people in fur-rimmed anoraks, displaying a variety of mild personality disorders. Liberal canvassers. surely? No: "Twitchers". A rare sighting of a pine grosbeak had been reported. Twitchers were bringing their cameras and their custom to Lerwick. Were the grosbeak to stand in this election, the bird would find much support among the islanders.

In a pale light and a cold breeze. the sea silver, the sand white and the treeless hills a pastel mixture, these slands do not feel wild, but gentle. People are rather open. "It doesn't seem very Scottish," I said to the SNP agent. "Where are the kilts?"

"Kilts?" he said: "Have you experienced the force 12 gale? Anything which grows above 4st gets blown down. That explains the ponies. Natural selection.

High seas have forced the Liberal Democrat, James Wallace, to cancel his canvassing trip to two of the remoter islands. He takes a bicycle with him. Jim Wallace has been MP for Orkney and Shetland since Joe Grimmond stood down. Appointed Liberal chief whip, his hair turned from grey to white. A quiet man but pletely bald." The loyalty of elderly



become an important one, all parties privately expect him to win here. He and his wife flew in with their personal belongings in plastic bags, their joint baggage allowance given over to 16,000 election addresses. With some 32,000 voters, the constituency has one of the smallest electorates in Britain, but they are scattered over dozens of islands.

"There are 28 voters on Foula," an elderly lady stuffing election addresses into envelopes in the office of Paul McCormick, the Tory candidate, told me, "and 15 on Papa. Doctor McCormick cannot possibly visit them all in time." I glance at the photo portrait of McCormick who has a fearsome moustache.

"Your candidate looks like a wolf," I remark amiably.
"Well the Labour man has a beard,

and that's worse," she replies, "and anyway Mr Kinnock is almost com-

thing a fixed point in a changing world. Their candidate is a barrister from Hampshire claiming "law and order" as a special interest - on an island where people do not lock their cars and the last murder was half a century ago. But will these ladies hear ill of him? Never!

In the fishing village of Scalloway, where Frances McKie, the SNP candidate, was storming a neat council estate, charmingly bullying its residents into displaying her big yellow and black poster. "Here, Matthew," she said to me, "put one of my stickers on. It'll make you less conspicuous on the island." An attractive and passionate candidate, her doorstep message somewhat simplifies the debate about independence. "Will you vote for Scotland this time? If Scotland's got a veto, then you can just put a stop to whatever it is the Europeans are trying to do to you." It was

going down well in Scalloway. "Well it would," the Liberal agent told me, "for your benefit she chose a street where she'd get a good reception. Her agent was honest enough to admit that to me." "And you," I thought, "have been rat enough to pass it on." He showed me a leaflet with 'ten reasons' not to vote SNP. The Tories had about eight reasons.

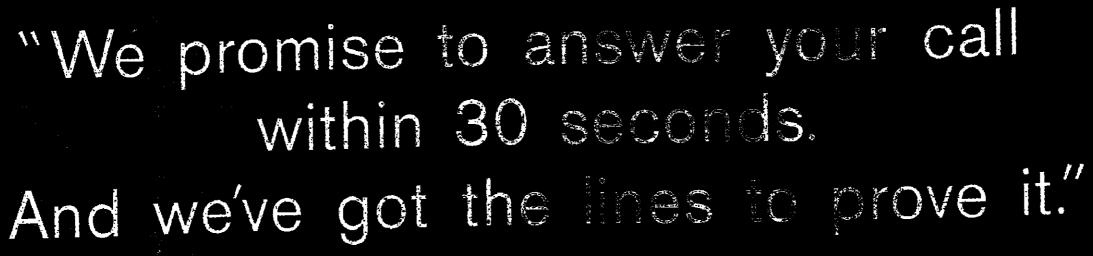
John Aberdein, the Labour hopeful, offers (I think) around 12. An impressive candidate, Aberdein is, like the Liberal Democrats and the SNP, involved in a rather Jesuitical tangle about Orkney and Shetland's place in any new constitutional arrangement. Orkney and Shetland are a little cool about each other, but much cooler about Edinburgh. England is the devil they know.

"Your candidate is English," I protest to the Tory ladies. "So what?" they reply. "The other candidates are Scots, but people here are tolerant." Only the natural Law Party candidate, who teaches transcendental meditation, in Orkney, is above such squabbles. She has probably transcended the need to make physical appearances, but, if not, then islandhopping should be easy: according to Shetland rumour, she can levitate.

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Speaker's corner: John Major campaigning atop his soapbox in Cheltenham yesterday

Tory campaign trail

Soapbox tirade by Major boosts hope of black candidate

By Philip Webster

A TRANSFORMED John Major took to his soapbox yesterday to call on the voters of Cheltenham to elect John Taylor as the first black Conservative MP.

The prime minister used a loudspeaker in the centre of the spa town to trumpet a ringing endorsement to the barrister who became Tory candidate after a bitter racism dispute in his local party. Mr Taylor had a magnificent future, Mr Major said. "Send him to Westminster with the

biggest possible majority."
The soapbox, in reality a Conservative Central Office packing case, has became an essential prop on the Major battle bus. Responding to criticism that his campaign has been too tame, and fired up by his encounter with hecklers when the soapbox made its first appearance in Luton on Saturday, Mr Major has decided to adopt a more rumbustious style for the last nine days.

Mr Major said later that he would continue to use his oratory style for the rest of the election campaign, in spite of security worries. He said: "People say that you cannot do it these days. It is fashionable to say, for security and other reasons, that you cannot get up on a soapbox. I think you have to and I am going to do it."

Genteel Cheltenham, however, did not seem the most promising of venues for the new combative approach. But a few Liberal Democrats, who are odds-on favourites with the bookmakers to take the seat from the Tories, were all that Mr Major needed in a lively performance that enthused his aides.

The election, he shouted, was not about trivia and personalities but about the future of the country. April 9 was a clear-cut choice between two

wholly different visions.

His allegation that
Labour's spending plans
would cost £1,250 for every
taxpayer brought a helpful
cry of "rubbish" from a lone
Labour barracker. It was
enough. Four hundred Tory
loyalists roared as he replied:
"They are rubbish pledges, I
can tell you that. The taxes
would be real, just as they

1987 result: C G Irving (C) 31,371 (50.2%); R G Holme (Lib/All) 26,475 (42.3%); M Luker (Lab) 4,701 (7.5%). Conservative

majority: 4,896.

government."

When the rest of the world was ditching socialism, why should the cradle of democracy go back to it? he said. Could anyone name two prominent Liberals? There was a prize if you could tell him three. He did not want anything to do with "fancy theories" about education.

nes' about education.

For once his rhetoric almost got out of hand: "They told me in London it would be raining. The sun is out in Cheltenham. On April 9, the sun will be out for the Conservative party right across the country."

Later Mr Major was asked about the lack of black candidates in the Tory party. He said: "Candidates are chosen in the Conservative party on the basis of their ability, not whether they are black or white." He added: "I want people from every background representing the Conservative party. That is what we have got. Mr Taylor is a first-class candidate and will be a first-class MP."

Mr Taylor, asked whether he had suffered racial abuse, said: "People realise I am here to do a job. I am not really concerned about that. I am here to keep my eye on the bail. If you do not know your target in life you will not hit it. My target is to keep Cheltenham Conservative."

The rest of Mr Major's day was of mixed fortunes. His BAe 146 jet bounced twice, and its left side tilted sharply towards the ground, after a shuddering landing at Gloucestershire airport. It was the second such incident in a week. Mr Major said that it was "exhilarating", an opinion shared by few others on the aircraft. Later, he received his first kiss of the campaign from Betty Critchlow, aged 69, who grabbed him as he went into a bank.

MPs from ethnic minorities

Labour ahead for vital votes

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THERE are six fewer black and Asian candidates representing the main political parties than at the last election, although there are likely to be more MPs from the ethnic minority comments

when the results are declared.

Most of them will be Labour MPs. However, among those hoping to be the first black or Asim Tory MP since Mancherjee. Bhownaggree won Bethnai Green in 1895 are John Eaylor, the black harrister aghting Cheltenham, and Ninj Deva, the Sri Lankan from businessman (Brentford and Isleworth).

The fine Labour ethnic mi-

The first abour ethnic minority MPs in the last parliament expected to be returned to Westminster are Diane Abbott in Elackney North and Stoke Newington, Paul Boateng (Brent South), Bernie Grant (Tottenham), Ashok Kumar (Langbaurgh), and Keith Vaz (Leicester East). They are likely to be joined by Piara Khabra in Ealing Southall where Labour had a majority of more than 7,000 in 1987.

Between 1974 and 1987 there was an increase in main party ethnic minority candidates to 29 but this figure has group fallen to 23 in 1992, due that to partly to the demise of the

partly to the demise of the SDP, which fielded seven candidates at the last general election.

While the number of Labour ethnic minority candidates has fallen from 14 to

dates has fallen from 14 to nine and Tories risen from six to eight, more black and Asian voters will vote Labour.

Kaushika Amin, of the Runnymede Trust, said: "The vast majority of the ethnic minority vote will go to Labour but there are signs that this vote is no longer quite so solidly for Labour."

A survey carried out last year by NOP among 542 Afro-Caribbean people found that 58 per cent would support Labour, 9 per cent Conservatives and 3 per cent Liberal Democrats. But although support for the Tories was strongest among those aged 35 to 54 and in the higher social classes where it was 12 per cent, the black vote among all groups strongly backed Labour.

Among south Asian people the survey still found the majority supported Labour in all age, and socio-economic groups but there were signs that Conservative efforts to woo the Asian communities had proved partly successful. The NOP survey among 479 south Asian people showed 60 per cent support for Labour, 14 per cent Conservative and 3 per cent for the Liberal Democrats. But support for the Tories was 21 per cent among those over 55 and 18

per cent among those from

the ABCZ dass.

The survey, conducted by NOP for The Independent on Sunday in association with the Runnymede Trust, found that among those certain to vote, support for Labour among Afro-Caribbeans was 58 per cent, Conservative 8 per cent, and Liberal Democrats 3 per cent while among the south Asians 55 per cent backed Labour, 12 per cent Conservative and 3 per cent Liberal Democrats.

Labour retains strong support among south Asians but there were indications that the Tories had made some advance in persuading people to shift their allegiances.

The NOP survey, carried out in June last year, found that people of Indian origin

were more likely to vote Conservative than those of Pakistani origin. It showed that 19 per cent of people of Indian origin would vote Conservative compared with 8 per cent of Pakistanis and 11 per cent of Bangladeshis. Although the survey found

that the vast majority of all people said they would vote for the party of their choice, regardless of the ethnic origin of the candidate, there was some polling evidence that black and Asian candidates underperformed. Mori found that in the last general election 22 of the black and Asian candidates performed less well than the uniform national swing. That finding might explain why the parties are nervous at increasing the number of candidates from the ethnic minorities.

According to another Mori poll conducted for The Irish Times earlier this month, 54 per cent of the Irish in Britain would back Labour, 25 per cent the Tories, 12 per cent Liberal Democrats and others 9 per cent. Mori had identified people who said their parents or grandparents had been born in Ireland.

Driver gets to the heart of race issue

An outsider researching Apolitics in Cheltenham would do well to ignore traditional sources and consult a bookle or a taxi driver.

The taxi driver from the station marked my card on the issue of John Taylor's bid to retain Cheltenham for the Conservatives: "They won't vote for him because he's black." The bookies, meanwhile, make the Liberal Democrats odds-on favourites to take the seat. Mr Taylor is at 11-8 and Pam Tatlow, the Labour candidate, at 50-1. Miss Tatlow appears to have little chance. In 1987, Labour polled only 7.5 per

tains that things are changing, but Labour head-quarters do not appear to be expecting an upset.

Miss Tatlow has publicly backed Tory accusations that Nigel Jones, the Liberal Democrat candidate, is running a racist campaign. His electoral team hotly denies this. "Race is not an issue in this campaign and we're not going to make it one." Andy Pennington, the Liberal

cent of the vote. She main-

Pennington, the Liberal Democrat agent, said. But someone has made it Nobody wants to be quoted, but race remains the talking point in Cheltenham, Peter Victor writes

an issue. A racist caricature of Mr Taylor is doing the rounds and has been denounced by the three main parties. No one in the street will actually support the "repel the invader" rhetoric espoused by the late Bill Galbraith, a former Tory party member; instead they couch their objections in terms of favouring a local man, such as Mr Jones. The common denominator is that no one wants to be quoted.

The Tories, on the face of it, remain unperturbed by the views of bookies and taxi drivers. They attack the Liberal Democrats' campaign as either hypocrisy or covert racism. "Their literature makes a lot of the fact that Jones is local yet his ex-wife, the deputy mayor, has abandoned Cheltenham to fight the seat in Bromsgrove," a spokesman said. "We are fighting to

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Upfront message: members of the Conservative Central Office design team in Smith Square, central London, wearing T-shirts and caps which they designed for the election campaign

Conservative tax policy

Major offers hope of cut every year

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major held out the prospect yesterday of annual tax cuts under a Conservative government as the Tories moved towards their target of a 20p in the pound standard

He said that the new 20p band, introduced in the Budget, on the first £2,000 of taxable income was just a beginning. "That is the way we mean to go on - taking more and more taxpayers out of 25p tax by widening the band. This way we can make progress, year by year, towards a 20p basic rate for all." Mr Major told a West-

Business

Labour win 'would cut growth'

BY ROBIN OAKLEY

A STUDY by the chief economic adviser to the CBI has concluded that the advent of a Labour government would lead to an increase of more than 400,000 in unemployment, a reduction in growth by 0.5 per cent a year and a 1.7 per cent increase in inflation.

Douglas McWilliams, who is also the chief executive of London Economics (MES), says interest rates would be pushed up by 2.5 per cent above what would otherwise have occurred and the sterling exchange rate would be devalued by 7 per cent. The conclusions are in a paper sent by Mr McWilliams to private clients of London Economics (MES) and are based on a simulation exercise using a macroeconomic model.

Mr McWilliams said yesterday that the findings made the possibility of a Labour government an alarming prospect for industry. Potential investors were likely to put their projects on hold for at least six months if Labour

were elected. The study says that difficulties would be caused largely by the impact on wage inflation of any Labour attempt to impose a minimum wage at 50 per cent of male median earnings and by the promised attempt to restore public sector pay differentials.

Mr McWilliams argues that the consequences of Labour's policies would leave Britain vulnerable to swings in confidence in foreign exchange markets and the United Kingdom would be unable to enter a single European currency. Since no government would be likely to persevere with policies producing such effects, a second simulation therefore allows for a U-turn after a foreign

exchange crisis. That would again leave the economy in a worse state after four to five years, with a minirecession in 1994-5 followed by a slight recovery. But unemployment in 1996 would still be 426,000 higher than in the base scenario.

minster news conference: "I think it is probable we can do that year on year. I cannot give a categorical promise that we would be able to do it each and every year." But the banding change had opened the possibility of making tax reductions when smaller sums of money were available for them than would be needed to fund a full 1p cut in the basic rate of income tax. A Tory government would want to spend some of the fruits of

growth to finance extra pub-

lic spending, but it would

ensure that individuals enjoyed the growth too. The prime minister denied reports that the economy was in such dire straits that any government after the election would have to cut public spending. He said that he tion whatsoever' that a Tory government would have to plans already set out. "If we were going to have to cut public expenditure, we would have done it before. I do not believe it is an economically

sensible thing to do." The Tories, encouraged by opinion polls showing that two thirds of the electorate expect their taxes to rise under Labour, and that 24 per cent of C2s expect them to be "much higher", have renewed their assault on John Smith's shadow budget and on Labour's manifesto spending plans in the belief that they can turn the election in

the final week. Norman Lamont, Chancellor of the Exchequer, accused Labour of having promised the earth in its manifesto without counting the cost. He repeated his claim that Labour's spending pledges came to £38 billion equivalent of £1,250 a year extra for each of Britain's 25 million taxpayers, or a 12.5p increase in the basic rate of

"This is a frightening picture," he said. "The amount of tax paid by people on the basic rate would go up by between a third and a half. Those who find the idea of a 37.5p basic rate of income tax incredible should remem-

Lib Dems

Stability is key to recovery'

By Shella Gunn POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ber that we had a 35p rate

under Labour in the

They should also remem

ber that this tax increase, like

the £38 billion of spending,

would build up over the life-

£7 billion tax increases al-

ready planned for year one

would be just the first instal-

ment of Labour's five-year

plan — a plan for five years'

Later, John Maples. Trea-

sury economic secretary, said that Labour's "tax bomb-

shell" would hit every family

in the land. All parties had

now learnt to argue from

concrete examples, rather

than abstract categories, he

said. A machine operator

earning about £10,000 a

year, for example, would pay

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year, would pay £1,046 more

an electrician on about

£14,000 would pay £1,296;

and a skilled engineer on

£20,000 would pay £2,046

£796 £1,046 £1,296 £1,546 £1,796 £2,046

Annual income (2)

13,250 23,875 32,000

15,000

12,000 13,500 17,500

☐ Figures are for a single earner, married with two children, a personal allowance, marriage allowance, mortgage relief and child benefit for two children.

24,000 £2,037

Extra tax (£) under Labour

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Figures are for a single earner with a personal allowance

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time of a parliament. The

THE boom and bust economic mismanagement under the Tories and Labour in the past 40 years must be replaced by long-term policies underpinned by a single European currency and an independent central bank, Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrats' Treasury spokesman, said yesterday. He argued that industry needed a stable economic framework to create the confidence to invest and an end to political manipulation of interest rates.

A recovery programme was incomplete unless accompanied by a policy to prevent inflation, he said at a London press conference. "Liberal Democrat support for an independent central bank will ensure that our recovery package is sustainable and does not simply push up

He said that electoral reform was needed to prevent the renationalisation of

industries.
Alex Carlile, the party's trade and industry spokesman, said that figures showing that 1,200 companies were folding every week de-stroyed the Conservatives' claim to be the party of business. "It is devastating to see all the hard work and enterprise of small businesses and self-employed people going to waste — and it is Britain that

is the loser," he said.
The Liberal Democrats promised a sustainable growing economy with low inflation and stable interest rates: the rebuilding of crumbling schools, hospitals, railways and homes; new jobs, and education and training to produce a skilled and flexible workforce; and less bureau-

cracy for businesses. Most important, Mr Carlile said, was to end the self-inflicted recession that was destroying the hopes of so many. One of the party's key pledges was to freeze the uniform business rate at 1991-2 levels and legislation to charge interest on late payers. Paddy Ashdown, the party eader, said Labour's silence on education and training for

economic success had been a

great disappointment to mil-

Labour tax pledges

Smith seeks to win over suspicious high earners

as £43,500 a year would be better off under Labour's tax and benefit proposals, party leaders said yesterday as they sought to blunt a renewed Tory offensive against John Smith's shadow budget. South West (Bristol) South East (Brighton) E Midlands (Derby)

After the decision to tax those earning over £40,000 at 50 per cent, and to lift the £21,060 ceiling on 9 per cent national insurance contribu-tions, the Opposition remains nervous about the impact of its proposals on the middle classes in marginal seats in London and the South-East, whose votes will be critical to the election result. To try to reassure them. Margaret Beckett, the shadow Treasury secretary, pointed to in-stances of high earners who would gain under Labour.

FAMILIES earning as much

Her message was reinforced by Mr Smith who cited a report from the Institute of Fiscal Studies which conclud ed that eight out of ten families would be better off under his budget. In opinion polls, however, nearly two in three people say they believe their taxes would be higher under

Labour. Of the ten "typical" families cited by Mrs Beckett, only one — a £40,000-a-year national newspaper journalist living with a £26,000-a-year public relations executive — would be significantly worse off under a Labour government, by about £2,000 a year. For the most part, the cases did not include people earn-ing above the £21,060 trigger

for the new 9 per cent national insurance levy. "Take the example of an architect married to a personnel manager, a family that some might think of as being relatively well off. He earns £22,500, she earns £21,000 and they have two children. They live in Hampstead and have suffered particularly as the result of high mortgage

rates on their large mortgage." Mrs Beckett told a news conference in London. "Under Labour, they gain £53.97 a year in lower national insurance contributions and income tax and they re-ceive an extra £127.40 in child benefit. So in total, they would be £181.37 better off. What is more, our fair rates would save them £613 com-

Hairdresser, one child Retired couple NHS porter, part-time cleaner, two children

North West (Settor

South East (Tonbrdge) Journalist, PR executive pared to their council tax windfall that the top 10 per

£21,404-a-year engineer in a married to a staff nurse on £12,810. They had a daughter at school and grandmother living with them on a basic state pension of £2,816. "Under Labour they gain £152.61 in national insur-

ance contributions and income tax, £15.60 in child benefit and £260 in higher pension. They also gain £17 per year from fair rates. "These are just some of the sorts of families who make up

the 90 per cent of families better off or no worse off as a result of Labour's budget."

As the Tories argued that
11 million of the "gainers" in
Labour's budget would see no
more than 34p a week extra,
Mr Smith defended higher taxes on the better off. His proposals would reverse only a "modest amount" of the tax



Beckett: reassuring middle class voters

ent had enjoyed over the past 13 years. He again cited a report from the Institute of Fiscal Studies, which said that the poorest 10 per cent of households had lost in real terms an average of £52 a ar decause of lory tax and benefit policies. The top 10 per cent had gained £4,524 a

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£19,220 £199.17

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year on average. Mr Smith rejected suggestions that the parlous state of the public finances and the £28 billion borrowing requirement this year would throw his calculations into disarray. His proposed in-creases of £1 billion in health service spending and £600 million on education would have been greater had the

position been sounder. The next government will inherit the economy in diffi-culty. That is a starding testimony to how our affairs have been handled over the last 13 years, bearing in mind the advantages of North Sea oil. The budget I produced is modest and takes account of

our economic difficulties." Mr Smith declined to give a cast-iron pledge that he would not reduce public spending after opening the Treasury books. "I certainly don't want to make any cuts in public spending. I am going on the assumption that the published figures are correct. We do not have a happy economic situation, whatever the figures are shown to be, and the most important thing is to get the economy back on

Leading article, page 15 who can make the difference of the christian vote, page 14 in this election." he said.

Voting reform

Ashdown hints at leeway on timing

BY SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY Ashdown might be prepared to consider taking ionger than previously indicated over reform of Westminster's voting system in exchange for supporting a minority Tory or Labour government.

As demands grew for the Liberal Democrats to give precise details of their terms. the leadership was determined not to become bogged down in debating the minuti-ae of different PR systems and the timing for change in the remaining nine days of the campaign. The details will not be worked out until the arithmetic of voting is

As the polis continued to reflect that no party will win an outright majority. Mr Ashdown yesterday repeated his key pre-condition in a hung parliament of a commitment to legislation for proportional representation in a first Queen's speech. That remained "essential", he told a press conference.

But senior party sources

disclosed that such a commitment could take the form of an enabling bill to legislate for the principle of reform of Westminster's voting system, while not finalising the de-tails. That would be followed by reform of the boundaries and, possibly, further legisla-tion on the voting process within a five-year parliament. The sticking point would be a "testimony of good faith" to take action within that time. Sir David Steel, the former party leader, and Charles

Kennedy, the president, put more emphasis on changing the electoral system within the first parliament. Mr Ken-nedy said: "We completely agree that this general elec-tion should be the last one fought on the first past the Mr Ashdown has become

less assertive about the timing of the reforms and talked of trust" on a commitment to PR between the parties in a coalition government. The detail will depend on the proportions within any coalition. If, for instance, the winning party had only 38 per cent of the votes and the Liberal Democrats had 24 per cent, Mr Ashdown's negotiating hand would be far stronger than in, say, a 42/17 per cent split.

As he toured marginal seats in Cheshire and Lancashire, including Sir Cyril Smith's old seat of Rochdale, Mr Ashdown warned the other parties that a minority government with less than 40 per cent of the votes which tried to go it alone would be on "very. very flimsy ground".

He added: "Whatever the two parties say, it seems to me to be practically inconceivable for somebody to seek to govern the country with 37 or 38 per cent of the vote. That would be a major question of legitimacy." Such "gall" in rejecting the voters' judgment would be undemocratic. Asked about the Conserva-

tives' strategy of saying that a vote for the Liberal Democrats would put Neil Kinnock in Downing Street, he said: That is a sign of a Conservative party in terminal panic. He added: "It is a cam-

paigning tactic the Conservatives will adopt, but I do not think it will fool many people." The polls showed that the Liberal Democrats were taking more votes from Labour than from the Tories. In a speech in Rochdale last night Mr Ashdown told a rally not to underestimate what his party could achieve. "It is the Liberal Democrats who can make the difference

HORTHWEI

SNP claims oil and gas

By KERRY GILL

MORE than 90 per cent of the oil and gas fields within the central and northern North Sea would fall into Scottish waters, leaving the southern gas fields for the English after independence, Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, said yesterday, launching

his party's green paper on oil and gas taxation policies. After the split from the rest of the United Kingdom a nationalist government would honour existing rights and obligations, he said. Oil companies would keep li-cences held at present. The SNP would seek to negotiate an oil treaty with Westminster. On the international legal principle of equidistance. Scotland would get almost all

the oil and gas. "Rather than squandering oil revenues like Westminster. an SNP government will set up a Scottish oil fund to channel revenues into investment, infrastructure, research and development providing long-term foundations for future success and prosperity," Mr Salmond said in Aberdeen. He also promised 'basically stable" taxation.

Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, sought to remedy not being a "well kent" face in Scotland by going on a whistle stop tour during which he extolled the Conservatives' economic record over the past 13 years and said that Labour would hand the country back to socialism and the unions.

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MEDIAWATCH by Brian MacArthur

Viewers' actions speak louder than words

Millions of television viewers and newspaper readers complain that there is too much coverage of the election - but millions. many more than ever watch Match of the Day, are still switching on to television and reading newspapers.

One in three electors say they have spent more than an hour a day watching election news on television and more than 30 minutes reading election coverage in the newspapers, according to Mori polls last week. Voters seem to be much less bored than editors and politicians fear. Eight in ten readers of The Times. The Guardian and The Independent, for instance, say they are interested in the campaign — compared with just over half the readers of the tabloids.

On an average election day, ac-

cording to Mori, at least one elector in four has also listened to election news on the radio and watched a party election broadcast — while 43 per cent say they are interested in politicians' speeches and 40 per

Cent in opinion polls.

The polls deliver conflicting verdicts when voters are asked if there is too much election news and whether it is useful. According to Mori, 68 per cent of viewers and 56 per cent of newspaper readers think there is too much coverage. But 80 per cent of viewers and 58 per cent readers say the coverage is useful, with 37 per cent finding quality papers very useful compared with 25 per cent for the tabloids.

Voters become more alienated the longer the election continues, however, which is why editors, par-

ticularly of the tabloids, have to make fine judgments about using their front pages for election news. So far the most partisan national newspapers have been the Daily and Sunday Express for the Tories. According to the Mori/Sunday Times panel, 34 per cent of newspaper readers think there is much too much election reporting. Yet 45 per cent of Daily and Sunday Express readers think there is too much, the highest proportion of alienated readers apart from The Sun, the News of the World and The Daily Telegraph.

imilarly a poll for the BBC by the broadcasting research department last week showed that the number of viewers saying there was far too much about the election had

risen threefold in the past three weeks. Both the BBC and Mori polls showed that, although most viewers believe the BBC is unbiased, it is still seen as more biased towards the Tories than ITN, par-ticularly in Scotland and by Labour supporters — but, according to Mori, the BBC scores highly for usefulness among the youngest and Labour voters.

The BBC, according to its own poll beats ITN for accuracy, professionalism and balance, but ITN is considered less boring. What the BBC really wanted to hear, however, was that 54 per cent of viewers believed that news programmes should explain and analyse events - although viewers switch off in hundreds of thousands when all the explanation and analysis starts.

Irresistible rise of the career politician brings voter fatigue in its wake



Mandelson: exception

challenges to official Labour

candidates have not material-

ised in the present Mersey-

Terry Fields, reselected lo-

side campaign.

Whichever party wins the election, career politicians will gain. Most analysis of candidates fighting the election has focused on their social and educational backgrounds - the decline of Etonians and manual workers and rise of the white-collar middle class-But that misses the point.

Most of the candidates in winnable seats are career policouncillors, trade union or party officials, former special advisers and consultants. Entering parliament is a further stage in a political career that started at or before university. Many have never had a "real" career independent of politics. They have taken jobs that give them time to advance their ambitions, initially as councillors and then as candidates

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shop of a narrow group who at an early age. By contrast, it is difficult for anyone who has had a successful career in busi-ness or the professions suddenly to change direction in his or her forties, to seek and obtain a candidature for a winnable seat, enter the Commons and become a minister. The long apprenticeship normally starts in the twenties. That has always been true of the top rank. Gladstone and Disraeli may have had diverse interests, but their prime concern was always politics and

the House of Commons. The difference now is that This is making the Commons more than ever a closed career politicians are the rule rather than the exception. For instance, of the candidates chosen to replace the 25 Labour MPs not standing again clear differences are obvious. or deselected, ten are full-time union officials, ten have been local councillors and four are former MPs or members of the European parliament.
Of the 95 candidates in tar-

get sears, 60 have been counciliors, seven are party officials or consultants, although only (which prefer to put their people into safe seats). On the Tory side, of the 58 candidates picked to replace retiring MPs, 14 are political advisers or consultants, ten are former MPs or MEPs and another 11

has been fashionable to Lalk of a convergence between the parties in the type of people who become MPs, but that is misleading. Admittedly, if you look through the research officers rather than

On the Tory side, businessmen, farmers and professional men, many of whom had a "good war" with a good num-ber of MCs and DSOs, prestill a few aristocrats. On the Labour side, there were still many manual workers and union officials, as well as a few

and Jay.

But now, most of the Tory grandees and Labour manual workers have gone. Everyone looks middle class, but they are different types of middle class. The Labour middle class is predominantly public sector, teachers, administrators and councillors; even the fulltime union officials tend to be

metropolitcan lawyers, journalists and academics, such as

Dalton, Gaitskell, Crosland,

class is private sector, lawyers, directors of small companies and consultants.

The other main difference is residence. The departure of the SDP MPs a decade ago removed many of the Londonbased professionals on the Labour side, such as Shirley Williams, Bill Rodgers and John Horam (now standing as a Tory in Orpington), while the changes in the party's se-lection procedures during the Eighties favoured local candidates known to the widened local selectorate. Several prominent local government leaders have been picked for safe Labour seats and the union's big vote has favoured their candidates. It is now much more difficult for a

London-based Oxbridge pro-

fessional to be picked for a safe

exception in Hartlepool. Only four of the 25 candidates replacing MPs are from Ox-

On the Tory side, the big Tory gains from 1979 to 1987, and the upheaval after the big changes to constituency boundaries in 1983, did bring in many local non-Ox-bridge candidates with no London links. But many of the candidates picked this time metropolitan professionals.

A common feature is that, whether local or based in London, many are career politicians. Their rise has changed the Commons. In the eighteenth century pre-reform Commons, an MP represented a community or interest. whether a local patron or a borough. After the extensions

of the franchise in 1867 and 1884-5, the parties increas-ingly represented class intertop union officials were Lab-

unions, leaving politics to those who make it their career. widened between the goals and priorities of career politiis one reason for the widespread disenchantment in the country with the present election campaign.

Constituency profile

Legacy of hard left leaves Chalker fighting close battle

OLD posters peeling from the WALLASEY walls of an empty shop in 1987 result: L Chalker Walton, Liverpool, urge support for Lesley Mahmood, the (C) (below) 22.791 (42.5%); L Duffy (Lab) 22,512 (41.9%); J K Real Labour candidate in last year's by-election. No one has bothered to remove the me-Richardson (SDP/All) 8,363 (15.6%). Consermorial to the hard left's ambitions in the city, thwarted varive majority: 279 when it gained a mere 6.5 per cent of the vote. Hard left



cally for Broadgreen, was expelled from the Labour party by the national executive for supporting Militant and was then sent to prison for refusing to pay his community charge. Jane Kennedy, an official of the public employees' union Nupe, is now standing for Labour. She is being opposed by Mr Fields who is standing as Socialist-Labour. Mr Fields's last majority was just over 6,000, so any significant personal support for him could split Labour and give the seat to the Liberal Democrats, who had 36 per cent of the vote in 1987

shipyard in Birkenhead. The purge of the hard left by Labour's national executicularly welcome in the Mersevside marginal of Wallasev. where Lynda Chalker, minister for overseas development, defends a 279 majority over Labour. In 1987, she came within 1 per cent of being unseated by Lol Duffy, a left winger who has been excluded by the NEC from standing as Labour's official candilittle over the years. Wallasey lies on the tip of date, although he received 72

per cent of the local nominations and the support of five out of six party branches. Anna Eagle, a parliamen-tary officer for Cohse, the health workers' union, was selected a month ago. Her twin sister, Maria, is the Labour candidate in Crosby, Mersey to Liverpool where they were both brought up. Miss Eagle was the clear

winner in the postal ballot

from which Mr Duffy was

excluded. She says: "There was a small amount of discontent and some Labour supporters took their ball home, but they are not a factor. Left and right labels are meaningless and I am being given great support by local party workers." Among them is Mr Duffy himself, a leader and local hero of the sit-in at the Cammell Laird

Achieving a high-turn out vill be the most likely path to Labour victory. Getting all its supporters to the polling station from the Leasowe council estate, for example, could mean a couple of thousand Labour votes but, historically, Labour voters have been more reluctant to vote than Mrs Chalker's supporters, whose number has varied

the Wirral peninsula, a maze of tightly packed houses that makes it a dormitory town, holiday resort and retirement centre rolled into one, although local issues reach beyond the constituency into Birkenhead and across the

Mrs Chalker is a popular MP, although Labour supporters wryly suggest that her appointment as minister for

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overseas development reflects government attitudes to the North-West. Her influence has been felt in many of the industrial achievements in the area but the imposing mansions overlooking the Mersey estuary are no longer assured territory. Many are converted into flats occupied by students and college lecturers upon whose support Mrs Chalker cannot count

with certainty. "I reckon it takes ten years and a third house purchase before a Labour voter turns either Tory or Liberal," she says. "If you have a constant turnover of property, things become more marginal."

Although unemployment is nigh in Wallasey, it is below the Merseyside average and Mrs Chalker counts to her credit a high number of small businesses and some large new arrivals. Against that, the threat of closure at the Cammell Laird shipyard would have an impact much wider than neighbouring Rickenhead.

Mrs Chalker and Miss Eagle clash most resoundingly over the future of the Merseyside Development Corporahas invested £281 million into the region. A Labour government would phase out the corporation, which it credits with only limited success, and create a national network of regional development agencies. The case for a specifically Mersey-based agency would be considered, Labour's manifesto for Merseyside

says.
Mrs Chalker dismisses the proposal as an unwanted extra tier of bureaucracy, that would cost Merseyside £325 per head. What may be more difficult to dismiss will be the public reaction to a sharp rise in tolls for the Mersey tunnels, due shortly before polling day. Miss Eagle believes that this could add £40,000 a year to the transport costs of

some firms.



Postal address: Rosie Barnes braves the rain yesterday to deliver her election message to Greenwich voters

Barnes goes for personal touch

By JOHN YOUNG

OME election day. Rosic Barnes will be lucky if she is still on her feet. Suffering from the sort of heavy cold that positively demanded warm blankets and a hot toddy, she spent yesterday afternoon in the pouring rain trudging around a housing would but for fear of attractestate opposite The Valley ing attention; local children football stadium, the long time home of Charlton Ath-

to return when rebuilding is completed. At least Ms Barnes, seeking re-election as a Social Democrat MP, received a warm welcome. The first three people who opened their doors all promised their support, and appeared to mean it. Two offered to display posters in their windows, and the third.

letic, to which the club hopes

1987 result: R S Barnes (SDP/AII) 15,149 (40.6%); D F M Woods (Lab) 13,008 (34.9%); J G C Antcliffe (C) 8,695 (23.3%); J Thomas (Grn) 346 (0.9%); R Mallone (Fellowship) 59 (0.2%); P Clinton (Comm) 58 (0.2%). SDP/All majority: 2,141

had recently trampled down her garden fence. For similar reasons, ac-

cording to Ms Barnes, who has assiduously conducted a poll on the subject, most local residents would prefer that football did not return to The Valley, "They're not bothered about serious violence but football crowds are prone to vandalism, especially if their team loses; breaking winan elderly widow, said she dows, snapping off car

evening. aerials, that sort of thing." Ms Barnes is defending Greenwich, which she won in by-election in February 1987 and held with a re-

duced majority four months later. Her principal opponent is the Labour candidate Nick Raynsford, a housing expert who formerly worked for Shelter, and was briefly MP for Fulham until he lost the seat at the last election. "I know people think of Greenwich as rather a nice part of London and wonder

why the Tories don't do better," she says. "But most visitors only see the riverside, the park and all those splendid buildings. Nobody lives in Greenwich park. If they went round the housing estates and the streets of Deptford, they would get a rather differ-

ent picture."

She begins her exhausting daily schedule by taking ber her son Joseph, aged seven, to

school betore aroppu the office to dictate and sign letters. From 10.30am onwards she is out canvassing until around 9pm, pausing only for a pub lunch and for a short break in the early

Do other candidates in other constituencies doorsten as comprehensively as she does? 'No, I'm sure they don't. I think I'm a bit old fashioned. It's made easier by the fact that I'm fairly well known. I don't often have to introduce myself."

The days of the Gang of Four and Breaking the Mould now seem long distant. Will Rosie Barnes survive as a standard bearer? "I think I have a good chance of pulling it off, but of course candidates have to say that,"

she said. As the rain fell unrelentingly, a small group of support-ers collected their canvass forms and dispersed. The candidate went on her way. bare-headed. "I'm trying to shake off this terrible cold," she said, "but I keep getting drenched and freezing. Leaving her to her solitary task seemed somehow rather

ests: the Tory parliamentary party in the Twenties and Thirties included many leading businessmen, while many

But now businessmen remain in industry and union officials stay in their Politicians are now desperate to hold on to their jobs and their seats because that is their life. Consequently, the gap has cians and voters. That in turn

Peter Riddell

Lib Dem candidate skates on thin ice

By Alison Roberts

UNDER any other circumstances, the Liberal Democrat candidate in the marginal south London constitu-ency of Richmond and Barnes should be feeling confident. She trailed the Conser vative candidate by just 1.766 votes at the last election and, with national polls showing a swing against the Tories, victory should be within her

But orange posters in Richmond remind the electorate of the deeply unpopular Liberal Democrat-controlled

1987 resolt: J J Hanley (C) 21,729 (47.7%); A J Watson (Lib/All) 19,963 (43.8%); M D Gold (Lab) 3,227 (7.1%); C M Matthews (Green) 610 (1.3%). Conservative majority: 1,766

council. Since the closure of Richmond ice-rink, it has been able to do little right and its apparent mistakes mean that its candidate, Jenny Tonge, is running a winnable race with a shot foot. Peter Gooday, a local businessman. said: "If the council's style is anything to go by, I would not like to see Jenny Tonge get in, and I think a lot of people in

Mrs Tonge, a doctor, aged 51, was a councillor from 1981 to 1990 and played a part in closing the rink. She says that people are more interested in national issues. "When I am out canvassing. people will hoot their horns and wave. We have a good grassroots support. There are people in this constituency without jobs who never in their wildest dreams thought they would be unemployed. This is the issue that people

are worried about." Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative candidate and Northern Ireland junior minister, is not acting like a worried man. although he says that the fight will be hard because the voters are not instinctive followers of any one party. They are a sophisticated lot and they take a keen interest in politics," he says. "I think that is wholly desirable, but it

makes elections a hard run." The Tories are counting the seat as crucial and the big guns have been. Tom King, the defence secretary, has been canvassing, as has Cecil Parkinson. Don Touhig, a councillor in Gwent, is standing for Labour, and Richard Meacock as an independent,

North-West has power to make or break Kinnock

Tf Neil Kinnock is to enter Downing Street, he needs first to conquer the North-West. There are 73 seats in the North-West, 11.2 per cent of the total. Of those, 21, nearly 30 per cent, figure on Labour's target list of 100 (see map). This is nearly twice as many as would be expected if the proportion of marginals in the area were the same as the proportion of marginals nationally.

Labour has hopes of two gains at the expense of the Liberal Democrats. Mossley Hill, held by David Alton, is vulnerable to a 2.5 per cent swing. Labour needs a rather higher swing of 2.7 per cent, to take Rochdale. But its take Roemane. But his chances there may be even better, since Cyril Smith is stepping down. That will cost the Liberal Democrats the benefit of a substantial

incumbency factor. The other 19 Tory seats targeted by Labour will fall on swings varying from a mere 0.3 per cent in Wallasey to 8.1 per cent in Davyhulme. Labour needs 97 gains nationally for a bare overall majority: the 98th and 99th seats on its list. Blackpool South and

David Lipsey spells out the task facing Labour in a swathe of marginals between Sellafield and Crewe

North-West. Campaign anecdote that Labour is doing well in the region is borne out by polling evidence. A regional analysis of Mori campaign polls suggest a swing in the region of 10.4 per cent as against 7.3 per cent na-tionally.

Conversely, a poor performance in the North-West would be a body blow not make at least a dozen gains in this region, the Conservatives are likely to be guaranteed a fourth term in office," Robert Waller, author of The Almanac of British Politics.

The Tories themselves seem assured of at least one gain in the region. They lost Ribble Valley to the Liberal Democrats in the by-election caused by David Waddington's elevation to the Lords in March last year, and Davyhulme, are both in the need a 4.9 per cent swing to recapture it. As they had a 39.4 per cent majority there in the 1987 general election, they are most un-likely to fail.

They are also targeting Southport, where a 1.6 per cent pro-Tory swing would see Ronnie Fearn, the Lib Dem who won it in 1987, unseated. The Lib Dems have a good record in defying national swings to hold their seats, but a poor one in improving their vote sufficiently to win in areas where they are a close second. Still, they hope to pinch back one from the Tories in Hazel Grove. where they need a 1.8 per cent swing.

Tory optimists dream of winning Crewe and Nantwich, where a 1 per cent swing in favour of Brian Silvester would unseat Gwyneth Dunwoody. Some Tories even fantasise about expelling Jack Cunningham, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, from Copeland. A 2.1 per cent swing is needed. But Dr Cunningham has held the seat since 1983, and Whitehaven, its predeces-sor, since 1970, on swings generally smaller than the national average.

Young voters

ungaliant.

Thatcher's children lean to left

By LIN JENKINS

YOUNG people voting for the first time will be making their election choice more in hope than expectation, according to a poll carried out

Today's 18-year-olds were just beginning school when Margaret Thatcher took up the reins of government in 1979 and the likelihood of a Labour win appears to them to be remote. They are Thatcher's children: their only knowledge of a Labour government has been gleaned from textbooks and hearsay.

The survey shows that although most support Labour, a majority also believes that the Conservatives will win: Some 45 per cent said they would vote Labour, with 33 per cent choosing the Tories and 15 per cent the Liberal Democrats. Shortly before the last general election a similar survey commissioned by BBC Radio 1 found the figures to be Labour 43 per cent, Conservative 27 per cent and Alliance 25 per cent. When asked to put aside their party preferences, 46 per cent of the sample, all aged 18-23 and voting in their first general election. thought that the Conserva-

A Labour victory was pre-dicted by 29 per cent, while I per cent thought the Liberal Democrats would come out on top. Some 17 per cent thought the election would bring a hung parliament.

tives would win.

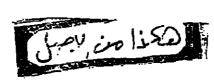
In contrast to their voting intentions, John Major was the most popular party leader, with 41 per cent thinking he would make the best prime minister. Neil Kinnock attracted 26 per cent, compared with 21 per cent in the 1987 survey, and Paddy

Ashdown took 19 per cent. Mrs Thatcher had polled 28 per cent in the survey before the last election.

First among the qualities young people think a politician should possess was honesty (43 per cent) followed by understanding, catering for what people needed and keeping promises, which each polled 13 per cent.

The Labour party was seen as more likely to improve public services such as health and education and most able to understand people's daily problems. The Lib Dems strengths included having fresh ideas and understand ing ordinary people's prob-lems. The Tories scored on defence and Europe.

ICM/BBC Radio i interviewed 779 people aged 18-23 on March 17 and 18 in 54 randomly selected



Federal treaty to be signed today

Yeltsin wins deal that defeated Gorbachev

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

REPRESENTATIVES of autonomous republics and regions inside the Russian Federation met in Moscow yesterday to try to agree the last points of the Russian federal treaty. The treaty, to be signed in the Kremlin today. is seen by the Russian leadership as vital to prevent Russia following the Soviet Union into disintegration.

The federal treaty has been under discussion since last summer, but work was accelerated last month as the richer constituent republics of the federation started to claim more and more autonomy. Two weeks ago, Ruslan Khas-

In an underground pas-lsage in Kiev, Ukraine's

sex entrepreneurs sell

viewing time for a much-

fingered Penthouse maga-zine. The price, more than two months after the intro-

duction of Ukraine's coupons, its "surrogate money", is still in Musco-vite roubles; five for a peek

Ukraine's coupons have failed the test of public confidence. Introduced by the government as a half-hearted attempt to wrest control of its potentially rich economy from Russian domination, the coupons have failed to protect its

have failed to protect its

citizens' standard of living,

or pave the way for the

republic's currency, the gryvna. Black-market deal-

ers, ever acute to public

confidence in the rouble, started selling the coupons at a rate of six to one, but by this weekend roubles

nd coupons were inter-

changeable in price.
Oxana Marchuk, a seller of gherkins and garlic in Kiev's Bessarabsky mar-

ket, said vesterday: "Right

now I don't care what I'm paid in, but if the coupons

drop in value much more I

will only take roubles." No

coins were minted with the

French-printed coupons, and none is being sent from Russia. The chaotic

result is that in Kharkov,

Ukraine's second city, 15

kopek pieces needed to pay for rides on the city's un-

derground are selling for

between 80 kopeks and

one coupon a piece, because of a shortage of

Factories and farms — as

hoarding. Long-term in-vestment is being stalled,

and 230 to buy.

sian parliament, triumphantly announced that the treaty had been initialled by leaders of 18 of the 20 autonomous

The two that dissented are

Tatarstan to the east of Moscow, which voted ten days ago to aim for independent statehood, and Chechenia, the breakaway republic in the northern Caucasus, which unilaterally declared independence last autumn. Yesterday the future of a third republic, Bashkiria (which now styles itself Bashkorto stan) in the southern Urals, was still unclear.

The non-Russian nationalities in these republics are all

and Ukraine, known as the

bread basket of Eastern

Europe, is forced to buy

grain abroad because its

own farmers refuse to sell

for coupons, Oleksandr

Savchenko, a deputy direc-tor of the republic's nat-ional bank until a fortnight ago, said. "Businesses are

stockpiling goods because they don't have a purpose. They don't need the coupons. They only want to sell

Vitold Fokin, Ukraine's

prime minister, gave an original explanation for

the coupon's slide when journalists asked what

went wrong. They are fall-ing in price because there are a lot of them. There is

Worse for Ukrainians may soon follow. If

the government ploughs ahead with its economic

emergency package, agreed by Ukraine's con-servative parliament, the Rada, Ukraine's currency

will be rushed into circula-

Ukraine's ruling appara-

tchiks will then attempt to restructure the republic's

economy to isolate it from

Russia's price rises and re-

ear it for export markets.

Western advisers argue

privately that such a move

would be disastrous. For

most people, the experi-

ment in market protection

has not improved their

Tanya Stetsenko, a

school teacher, said that people would continue to

pay for books with roubles

because of the lack of cou-

pons. "You either buy food

or books with the coupons. You can't do both because

there aren't enough."

no longer a deficit."

Ukrainians shun

coupon money

Ukraine's surrogate money, a bid to

escape the domination of the Russian

rouble, is proving highly unpopular, Robert Seely writes from Kiev

Islamic, and Tatarstan and Bashkiria are potentially rich in oil. The chairman of Bashkiria's parliament, Murtaza Rakhimov, said in Moscow that his parliament had rejected the treaty because it did not resolve property owner-ship, rights over mineral resources or economic policy. Bashkiria said that it had no intention of seceding, but wanted to negotiate a bilateral treaty with Russia.

Representatives from Tatarstan arrived in Moscow on Sunday to start talks with Russian leaders on a bilateral treaty. If other Russian republics decide they prefer this option, the whole federal treaty could yet be in doubt. The signing ceremony has already been posiponed once, from March 25, "for technical

Aware that Russian leaders are desperate to have the treaty signed before the new constitution is considered at next month's Russian Congress of People's Deputies, several republics were trying their hand at brinkmanship. Mikhail Nikolayev, the president of Yakutia, the gold and dia-mond producer in the northeast, which now calls itself Sakh, was quoted as saying that his parliament wanted

If even 17 of the 20 republics sign the federal treaty today, President Yelisin and his team will be well pleased. On paper, at least, they will have achieved what Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet Union's president, was un-able to in a year of intensive

The text of the treaty also shows that Russia was prepared to give away more in terms of economic and political autonomy. All the republics, for instance, will be able to have their own constitution and their own foreign relations, so long as they do not conflict with Russia's.

It was not known yesterday if the more than 80 individual regions and districts which make up Russia proper would participate in today's ceremony. As negotiations on the treaty drew to a close, several Russian officials said that all Russia's regions would be invited to sign the treaty and would then enjoy equal status — in terms of political and economic autonomy — with the republics. Only a day after the 18 repub-lies initialled the federal treaty, a similar document was initialled by regional repre-

The proposal to grant re-gions similar status to republics is based partly on size. Autonomous republic status was based on ethnic considerations, and many Russian regions have bigger popula-tions than the republics. The proposal may also have been meant to persuade the republies to sign the federal treaty.

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was set up. The team was made up of a cipher clerk and

a member of the KGB staff

guage". According to the or-

ders from Moscow, the KGB

was to use personnel for the

operation whose cover had

been "blown", to ensure that

any visits they made to local shops would already be

watched by foreign "special

The cable adds: "We assume that, from knowledge of

the functional duties and gen-

eral behaviour of referentura (cipher section) officials, the adversary is able to distin-

guish a cipher clerk from

other Soviet nationals visiting

Moscow suggested that ci-

be replaced should be used in

the operation. Western sur-

veillance agents would be fooled into thinking they were

buying goods to take back to

Moscow. The clerks were told

to buy shoes with heels, elec-

tronic wristwatches with

alarms, jackets, fountain pens

with built-in electronic watch-

es, lighters, wallets and note-

In another classified docu-

ment, Vladimir Kryuchkov,

the former KGB chief now in

prison for his part in last

year's failed coup, sent a di-rective to all his station chiefs

in 1985, warning of alcohol abuse among cipher clerks.

books with hard covers.

shops of consumer services.

services"

who speaks the local lan-

Looking to the future: President Walesa of Poland, left, with President von Weizsäcker, who welcomed him to Germany at a ceremony in Villa Hammer-

since 1918. The Solidarity leader is seeking Western investment and wants to further Polish-German reconciliation. Yesterday he also schmidt, his Bonn residence, yes-terday. Mr Walesa's visit is the first to victims of wars and tyranny. Hundreds of German soldiers are buried nearby. Before leaving Poland, Mr Walesa told the Frunkfurter Rundschau newspaper: "I don't want money. I just want to advise the Germans where they can do good business." But Heinreich

of German Industry, said Poland would have to set its economic house in order before it could attract substantial Western investment. Mr Walesa is still to meet Helmut Kohl, the chancellor. (AP)

Elaborate KGB plot aimed to acquire Western 'bugs'

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

FORMER Soviet counter-intelligence chiefs were so obsessed with protecting their foreign-based embassy cipher clerks from Western surveillance that they ordered a secret operation to discover whether "bugs" were being placed in clothes sent for dry cleaning, a KGB document published yesterday says. Operations Blesna-6 and

Blesna-7 were launched by the KGB in 1985 in Western capitals to expose what they feared was an elaborate surveillance network involving local shopkeepers, dry cleaning firms and even gardeners in nearby parks. One objective was to get their hands on the West's latest bugging equipment, which they feared was being placed in personal effects of cipber clerks that had been handed over "for repair, dry cleaning or other services".

The secret document, revealed for the first time by Oleg Gordievsky, the former senior KGB officer who spied for M16, is published in the British journal Intelligence and National Security. The concern of the KGB was heightened by their own successes in this field.

Two of the most productive Western traitors of modern times, John Walker, an American, and the Briton Geoffrey Prime, had access to vital cipher and signals intelli-

gence secrets. The KGB feared there might be Primes or Walkers in their cipher organisations.

Walker, a chief warrant officer, was a communications watch officer on the staff of the commander of US submarine forces in the Atlantic. Prime worked at the British government's GCHQ signals intelligence centre at Cheltenham in Gloucestershire. Both are now serving long prison

On March 21, 1985, a cable marked "top secret" was sent to the Soviet embassy in London from the head of Directorate K, the counterintelligence branch of the KGB's first chief directorate. During operations Blesna-6



Gordievsky: revealed

Arms halt gets Kohl in trouble

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

BONN'S decision to halt arms deliveries to Turkey yesterday provoked a furious argument between Helmut Kohl and Turgat Ozal, the Turkish president, and led to the dismissal of one of Bonn's top civil servants as scapegoat for a senior minister.

The chancellor issued strong statement demanding withdrawal of remarks made by Mr Ozal in a weekend interview which equated the power of modern Germany with that of Hitler.

Herr Kohl is worried about domestic fallout from the arms affair. After Germanmade armoured cars were ians. Bonn blocked all arms deliveries to Turkey last week. It has emerged that 15 Leopard I tanks were sent there despite a Bundestag committee order last November.

The opposition Social Democrats have demanded the resignation of the defence minister, Gerhard Stoltenberg, and the junior defence minister, Ottiried Hennig, who was at the meeting but failed to see that the committee decision was enforced.

Yesterday Wolfgang Rup-pelt, head of the ministry's armaments section, accepted responsibility and agreed to take early retirement.

three years' supply of explo-sives. Senor Múgica, who has

lived in France for 20 years, is wanted for organising at least 20 attacks, including the shooting of Maria Dolores

Señor Corcuera said that

the raid had been "a brilliant

González, his girlfriend.

Republics may lose 15m jobs

Washington: Unemployment in the former Soviet Union this year may reach the levels of the Western depression of the 1930s, according to a survey published yesterday.

The study, by the International Labour Organisation. shows that more than 15 million former Soviet workers will be unemployed, 12 per cent of the work force. Another 30 million workers in state jobs risk being made redundant because they are underemployed. In St Peters-burg, for example, production at a boot factory has fallen from 12 million pairs to eight million but there have been no lay offs. (AP)

Move attacked

the Polish parliament have attacked a church-backed party's bid to ban abortion and called for a national referendum on the issue. Poland is overwhelmingly Catholic, but abortion is legal and freely available. (Reuter)

Party triumphs

Tirana: The Democratic party, which toppled the former communists in the March 22 parliamentary elections in Albania, narrowly missed winning a two-thirds absolute majority, capturing 92 of the 140 seats, the election com-mission said. (AP)

Crew rescued

Oporte: An air force helicopter rescued 16 crew from the Penelope I, a Greek-owned freighter that ran aground in mountainous seas and high winds off the north Portuguese coast. There were no casualties, an unnamed sailor reported by radio. (AP)

Deadline set

Moscow: Georgia's ruling state council gave forces backing Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the ousted president, until midnight last night to surrender their arms. The ultimatum came after rebel forces seized control of four villages in the west of the republic. (AFP)

Past forgiven

Madrid: King Juan Carlos of Spain and President Herzog of Israel will be blessed by a rabbi in the synagogue here today in a symbolic gesture of reconciliation 500 years to the day since Roman Catholic monarchs banished Jews from Spain. (Reuter)

Date advanced

Berlin: Officials say most of the 2.4 million claims by former East Germans on property expropriated by the communists in the east of the country would be resolved by 1994, bringing the planned completion date forward from beyond 2000. (Reuter)

Sight unseen

Christchurch: Michael Baughen, the bishop of Chester, said here he had given communion to a woman at a service in the South Pacific Solomon Islands, but did not realise that she was barebreasted until his wife told him afterwards. (Reuter)

Law's net lies in wait for whale

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN GERZE

THE whale watch continued yesterday at the end of Gerze pier for Aydin, a rare white beluga cetacean not sighted for some days but whose destiny promises to become case history in international law and environmental science. Last night Ali Talip Oz-demir, the Turkish minister

for the environment, was due to receive a petition brought by a British emissary from the Marine Life Rescue charity, bearing letters from solicitors certifying that Turkey was under no obligation to return Aydin to the Marine Institute in Sevastopol, from where he The Turkish government

has promised to send both Aydin and Ali, a second beluga last reported roaming the Sea of Marmara, back to Ukraine. That move is being opposed by a growing coalition of international environmental groups gathering in this small Black Sea town. Andy Ottaway of Green-

peace International said that to repatriate Aydin and Ali to their birthplace in the Sakhalin Straits off the Sea of Okhotsk - apart from costing millions of pounds — might be like releasing a pathological timebomb of infections the whales may have collected in their travels far from home. Finding the pair presents the first challenge.

Minister's downfall adds to Socialist woes as Cresson awaits her doom

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON

AS FRANCE awaits the cabinet reshuffle that is widely expected to end Edith Cresson's brief term as prime minister, another member of her government has run into Socialists' humiliation in the regional elections.

After a bitter controversy Jean-Marie Rausch, a cen-trist who served as minister for post and telecommunications, yesterday gave up the presidency of the Lorraine region that he had assumed last Friday. The downfall of M Rausch

was caused by the strong suspicion that he owed his election to a handful of crucial votes by councillors representing the extreme right-wing National Front. It comes hard on the heels of Mme Cresson's sacking of Jean-Pierre Soisson, formerly minister for public administration, on the ground that he had received National Front backing to become president of the regional council for Burgundy.

M Soisson was ordered to choose between the cabinet and his region, but M Rausch - who is also mayor of Metz, the region's largest city insisted yesterday that his own circumstances were different. "I made the decision without any pressure, but with much emotion," he said yesterday. Lorraine is going through hard times economi-



"Get on with it, François!" Edith Cresson's political fate as seen by Le Quotidien de Paris

essential that the regional council should be able to function properly.

M Rausch complained that the National Front had made the climate more vicious and deepened divisions in the region". And although he would not contest the presidency again, formation of a consensus council that excluded the extreme right would have his support.

It seems clear from these two cases that National Front strategy since the regional elections is aimed at isolating

cally, he said, and it was and destabilising the government at this moment of trouble. Both M Rausch and M Soisson were signed up to demonstrate President Mitterrand's commitment to ouverture, or opening up the government to politicians from the centre.

Although simple arithmetic indicates that both men did indeed benefit from National Front votes, M Soisson is evidently prepared to soldier on in Burgundy, despite yesterday's loud demands from the conservative bloc for him to follow the "honourable" ex-

sion to opt out of Mme Cresson's government is seen as a signal to others from the moderate right to steer well clear of the Socialist party in its present state of turmoil. As for the beleaguered

prime minister, subject of many a cruel cartoon in the press, she remains tightlipped about her immediate future. Emerging from a 35-minute meeting with M Mit-terrand at the Elysée Palace yesterday, she informed reporters crisply: "I'll tell you about that next time."

The general assumption is that today is M Mitterrand's last chance to remove Mme Cresson this week, given that April Fools' day, with its inescapable symbolism, comes next and the new session of the National Assembly begins on Thursday.

There has been speculation that M Mitterrand would pick either Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, or Pierre Bérégovoy, the finance minister. as France's next prime minister. M Delors's official spokesmen, however, yesterday reaffirmed that M Delors wanted to stay in Brussels until his current job finishes at the end of this year.

It is hard to see how the the new session of the National Assembly can begin without a prime minister in office, if only because somebody will have to stand up and take the Socialists' punishment from

Madrid stays wary despite Eta arrests

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID BASQUE guerrillas continue ing from a lorry filled with

to pose a threat to the Olympic Games in Barcelona and the Expo world fair in Seville in spite of the arrests at the weekend of three senior Eta. leaders in southwest France. José Luis Corcuera, the Spanish interior minister, emphasised yesterday that there should be "no eupho-ria" about the arrests. "Eta is still able to assassinate," he said, adding: "We are going to intensify the security of all the events in Spain."

He said Spain would be seeking to extradite all those people detained, but the process depended on whether they also faced charges in France. Yesterday the ten people arrested by the elite French anti-terrorist squad on Sunday evening at a toplevel Eta meeting in Bidart. 13 miles north of the border with Spain's Basque region, were separated and the three leading Eta members were moved to an unknown

destination. The three men are: Francisco Múgica Garmendia, alias Artapalo, aged 38, from Ordizia, believed to be Eta's leader for the past five years. José Luis Alvarez Santacristina, alias Txelis, from San Sebastian, thought to be Eta's political and propaganda chief; and José Arregui Erostarbe, alias Fiti, from

police operation" between the Spanish Civil Guard and the French police "We have demonstrated once again that terrorism, any terrorism of any insignia, is not only going to be pursued each day but also with more efficiency in all Europe," he said. He would not reveal full details of the arrests, but said that they were made without a shot

men were armed. "We are going to intensify the security of all the events in Spain [in 1992] because, as I have said, the important operation continues." Senor Corcuera said that each day the Basque separatists' capacity was diminishing because work by the police forces, alert citizens and political

being fired, even though the

At a city councillors' meeting in San Sebastian yesterday, members of Herri Batasuna, Eta's political party, interrupted the proceedings to read a homage to the "he-roes" who had been arrested and praised their "courage Mondragón, a bomb expert.
He is facing a ten-year prison turbances took place in other sentence in France after flee- Basque towns.

Police win cat-and-mouse game on Kashmir border

played out high in the Kashmir mountains yesterday as police searched for separatist militants who were trying to cross the border into India from Pakistan. Just before nightfall, the leader of the planned assault was arrested when only five miles from the

Raja Muzaffar, acting chairman of the militant Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, was about to give an interview to journalists in a remote village, Gojar Bandi. Barely had he started talking when somebody shouted that the police were coming. He fled, only to be

Twenty police, who had evidently trailed the reporters through the mountains. ordered the journalists to put their hands up and said they were violating a regulation banning assemblies of more than four people. They had been talking to a wanted man, an officer said. At one point he threatened to tie everybody up with rope. Af-ter half an hour, he allowed the reporters to walk back to Chinari, the main village in

Mr Muzaffar led the attempted border assault because Amanullah Khan, the front's leader, is under arrest. As he ran off into the hills, Mr Muzaffar said he would attempt to cross the

Elements of farce crept into efforts by both India and Pakistan to contain Kashmiri militants yesterday, writes Christopher Thomas from Chinari

border despite a massive police presence along the border, known officially as the line of control.

Police in riot gear manned several barricades on a winding mountain road leading from Muzaffarabad to the border. Barbed wire and a wall of rocks blocked the road out of Chinari, five miles from the dividing line. A sex of paramilitary troops in riot gear stood behind the

heights to stop activists crossing the hills.

It was a much more thorough security operation than last month's chaotic efforts to stop the marchers, who broke through all police lines and were only halted when they came face to face with the army a short distance from the border.

Pakistan's determination to avoid renewed tensions

been clearly demonstrated by its readiness to use force against its own citizens to stop the border being crossed. Foreign governments, including Britain and America, had warned Pakistan not to allow the border to be breached in case

it led to a third war over Kashmir. Although Pakistan aids the uprising on the Indian side of the border, it has no desire for direct confrontation. Delhi has accused Islamabad of waging a proxy

The front, which started the violent uprising in the valley three years ago, will be disappointed by yesterday's anti-climax. It is trying to build support on the Pakistan side of the border for a reunited, independent Kashmir, but every political party in the country has come down against the idea. The organisation is struggling to maintain the momentum generated by last month's

the run for a week since Pakistani security forces began arresting JKLF leaders and later halted public transport to prevent sympathisers reaching Muzaffarabad.

Girish Saxena, India's governor of Jammu and Kashmir state, said Indian soldiers had orders to use restraint but that anyone crossing the border risked being shot.

All big towns in the valley were put under 24-hour curfew and roads to the border were blocked. Only local residents, with special identity cards, were allowed through.
In Srinagar, a hotbed of
the revolt, paramilitary
troops laid virtual siege to

old city. Despite their presence, at least 500 JKLF supporters paraded to yell slogans. Elsewhere in the old city, young men played cricket with makeshift bats on generally deserted streets, in an apparent show of defi-

ance of the curlew. A similar march organised by the JKLF last month ended after two days with seven people dead and scores wounded in a series of battles with Pakistani forces. India and Pakistan have twice gone to war over Kashmir and nearly came to blows again two years ago over Indian charges that Pakistan was arming and training militants.

Shamir's re-election prospects fade

Levy's mutiny splits Israeli ruling party

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Shamir, Israel's prime minister, struggled yes-terday to contain the growing political crisis within the ranks of his ruling Likud par-ty after the resignation of David Levy, the foreign minister, on Sunday.

Still reeling from the shock of Mr Levy's vitriolic attack on him, the Israeli leader must this week take steps to reunite his party or face the very real prospects of defeat in the general elections on June 23. Speaking in the Galilee town of Migdal Haemed, Mr Shamir attempted to smooth over the differences with his foreign minister yesterday saying that he did not understand the accusations levelled against his leadership of the party and that Mr Levy had no reason to tender his resignation. "Levy does not have to carry out his resignation, there is no justification ... We all believe in the same cause,"

Mr Shamir said. However, his comments did little to undo the damage caused by Mr Levy's hour" long diatribe against the Likud leadership, particularly Mr Shamir and his designated successor. Moshe Arens the defence minister. Mr Levy caused an ideological split in the party when he blamed his unnecessarily antagonising America, as well as failing to

Codesa set

on power

sharing

FROM GAVIN BELL

June 30.

some form of executive pow-

ties would have dispropor-

tionate representation in the

second house, and both

one man, one vote.

could delay the process.

Shamir: upset by harsh personal attack

take advantage of the current helped to bring about.

But possibly the most damaging allegations levelled against the Likud leadership is that it deliberately discriminated against Mr Levy and his followers because they come from Sephandi (Oriental) backgrounds, traditionally Likud's grassroot workingclass supporters, as opposed to the Ashkenazi (European) Jewish elite who dominate the

upper exchelons of the party. The time has come for Mr Shamir to understand that he has not got us in his pocket." said Prosper Azran, the Motown of Kiryat Shmona, who, along with other local Likud

Japanese communist

scores 100

Japanese communist leader Sanzo Nosaka turned a SOUTH African political healthy 100 on Monday, leaders have agreed to try to after more than 70 years form an interim, multi-racial spent in the revolutionary government before July. struggle. Mr Nosaka, honor-A working group at the Convention for a Democratic ary chairman of the Japan Communist party, first joined the British Communist party South Africa — Codesa — the

multi-party negotiating fo-rum, proposed the target date as a student when it was founded in London in 1920. After co-founding the Japa-nese party in 1922, he fied to vesterday in an attempt to speed the election of a constithe Soviet Union in 1931 and tution-making body. The then joined Chinese revolusentatives of the National tionaries in 1940. Mr Noparty government and the saka returned to Japan to a huge welcome rally in 1946, African National Congress, said every attempt should be and was elected to the lower house of parliament. made to convene the second plenary session of Codesa on

April 24 and 25 and to install A summons alleging British rock star Rod Stewart asan interim government by saulted an Australian news-Tertius Delport, the deputy paper photographer has been minister of constitutional devwithdrawn, a Sydney court elopment, said that if suffiheard yesterday. The lawyer for photographer Geoff Hen-derson of Sydney's The Daily cient progress was made in the negotiations, general elec-tions for a new constitution-Telegraph-Mirror said the complaint was withdrawn. making legislature could be held next year. The principal No other details were parties envisage a two-phase released. transitional period, involving

Composer Mikis Theodorer-sharing, followed by akis has resigned his post as a minister without portfolio in The government yesterday the Greek government to purtabled proposals for a bicamsue his musical career. He eral parliament in the second will continue to support the phase, in which minority pargovernment as an independent MP.

The Pope will stop in Huamhouses would have to approve the constitution. The docubo, a city ravaged in the 16ment rejected the ANC's proyear civil war, during a trip to posals for a constituent as-Angola in June. He will also sembly elected on the basis of visit Luanda, the capital, and four other cities, and Cabinda, the main oil-producing Saki Macozoma, for the ANC, expressed concern that region, during the six-day pilgrimage.

a bicameral parliament would give the leaders of tribal homeiands a power of veto Pittsburgh Symphony conin the lower house. However, ductor Lorin Mazzel will be he agreed there were now come chief conductor of the similarities between the two Bavarian state radio orchesparties' concepts of interim tra next year. Maszelis to arrangements. Gerrit Viljoen, replace the British conductor the minister of constitutional Sir Colin Davis, who has development, said political been with the orchestra for strife in black communities ten years.

leaders, could make or break Mr Shamir's campaign for re-election. A few weeks ago the Israeli

prime minister, aged 76, could probably have gambled on being able to banish Mr Levy into the political wilderness for his mutiny, but the Israeli foreign minister timed his resignation speech to coincide with a vulnerable period for Mr Shamir both on the domestic and international stages. Until recently, Likud enjoyed a commanding lead in the opinion polls, mainly due to its unique position as the only party in Israel able to make a convincing case to the electorate that it could deliver peace and security in the current negotiations with Arab states.

However, its popularity has been steadily eroded by a series of disastrous economic figures, marked by record un-employment of 11 per cent, falling wages and a drastic slowdown in Jewish immigration. Internationally, the Jewish state has seen its traditionally solid relations with Washington deteriorate to an all-time low after Presi-dent Bush blocked a request for \$10 billion (£5.7 billion) in loan guarantees because of Likud's refusal to halt its settlement expansion programme in the occupied territories. Relations were further strained last week when American inspectors investigated allegations that Israel secretly transfered Patriot anti-missile technology to China.

To make matters worse for Mr Shamir, the opposition Labour party has seen its political fortunes improve substantially in the same per iod, partly as a result of the leadership victory of Yitzhak Rabin, under whose guidance Labour recently overtook Likud in the polls for the first time in several years.

Even the pro-Shamir Jerusalem Post newspaper, which urged the government to replace Mr Levy with a younger politician, admitted for the first time since the election campaign began that Likud would lose power in the current climate. "The main threat to the Likud's continued rule comes from the electorate's disillusionment," the paper said in an editorial

"By choosing Yitzhak Rabin rather than Shimon Peres to head it, the Labour Party has succeeded in radiating an impression of rejuvenation. After 15 years in office, the Likud with its similar leadership cannot do as much. Its chances of being re-elected in the prevailing anti-incumbent mood are slim," the Je-



After the storm: David Levy, who resigned as Israel's foreign minister on Sunday, concentrating on his cup of coffee at a Knesset meeting yesterday

UN guards freedom of choice for returning Cambodians

FROM NEIL KELLY IN SISOPHON, CAMBODIA

FOR the tenth time Cham Roeun was asked by a United Nations official: "Are you going where you want to go in Cambodia?" He nodded and was given a departure card which yesterday took him and his family back to Cambodia after four years in a refugee camp in Thailand.

With 523 others they were the first of 375,000 Cambodians to be repatriated under the peace settlement signed five months ago. Another 500 will return today. About 10,000 will be repatriated by the end of April.

Refugees are allowed to go wherever they wish in Cambodia. They have been asked several times to confirm their

original choice. UN officials here say that it is a safeguard against the Khmer Rouge forcing people to go to places against their will where they can be kept under Khmer

Rouge control.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian head of state, welcoming the returning refugees at Sisophon, said they had come back to an area where there was peace and stability, but added that elsewhere there was still fighting between the Khmer Rouge and Phnom Penh government forces. He said he had discussed the fighting with the parties concerned, but all he heard from them were accusations and coun-

ter-accusations. "I don't know the truth," he said. Mr Cham, a farmer who had been living in a Khmer Rouge refugee camp for four years, said he was not frightened of the Khmer Rouge because he felt the United Nations was now protecting the people. The returning Cambodians appeared to take comfort from the UN's conspicuous role in the repatriation and the presence of foreign journalists. Gesturing to his two small children, Mr Cham said he was worried

sides had laid The resettlement of those who returned yesterday will begin tomorrow.

about landmines which all

Plagiarism and pot plague US candidates

US EDITOR, IN NEW YORK

BILL Clinton suffered a while Jerry Brown, his rival

Mr Clinton's admission that he experimented with marijuana while studying at Oxford University brought attacks not over the drug use but over previous evasion.
"His admission appears to contradict previous answers,"

Before the campaign began last year, the Arkansas gover-nor said he would not answer general "have you ever" questions. This year he had re-stricted himself to denials of breaking American laws. His admission that he tried pot, did not inhale and did not like it was considered acceptable. New York Newsday ran the headline "Pot scandal? Nary a whiff". Not even the hostile Post could work up a New York lather about Mr Clinton's marijuana years.

However, the admission is likely to heighten the enthusiasm of press hounds. New York, it may be recalled, is where Gennifer Flowers, Mr was asked about the governor's use of a condom. Tonight the candidates will be debating urban issues at a college in the Bronx.

hardly plagiarise a blueprint that he himself had originally commendable lack of ego.

A poll yesterday showed that two-thirds of New Yorkers wanted a wider choice of candidates. Sixty per cent said they were dissatisfied with Mr Clinton's honesty; 33 per cent had an unfavour-

The Clinton campaign increasingly is ruing the day that Paul Tsongas decided to give up the nomination fight. New York, which distrusts both Southerners and people who have been blessed else where, was always going to be hard for a front-runner from Arkansas. But to lose in a three-horse race would have been less damaging than to lose to Mr Brown alone.

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Man with **Jack Ruby** gun is arrested

FROM PETER STOTHARD

mauling from his New York press inquisitors yesterday for the Democrat presidential nomination, took a milder beating from The Washington Post. As both men campaigned for next week's primary, voters' satisfaction with the candidates fell.

the New York Post said.

Mr Brown had an easier case to answer yesterday. He was accused of borrowing his formal announcement speech last year from a fictional character in an unpublished book by Pat Caddell, his political adviser. The Washington Post showed how Mr Brown had followed the "vital, vig-our, values" rhetoric of the fictitious Senator Smith. Mr Caddell argued that he could conceived. Mr Brown said that the borrowing proved his

able view of Mr Brown.

Washington: Robert Luongo, from Florida, was arrested in the Capitol Hill grounds at the weekend for carrying without a licence the gun used by Jack Ruby to kill Lee Harvey Oswald in 1963. He had offered to show it to Tom Foley, the House Speaker (Martin Fletcher writes).

Police said the gun was unloaded, but guns seized in such circumstances are normally destroyed. Ruby died in 1967. His brother Earl won ownership of the gun in 1990. It was sold to Anthony Pugliese last year.

Mr Luongo, Mr Pugliese's partner, said he brought the weapon to Washington for a television appearance.

Teachers fired

Bangkok: Burma's military junta has sacked hundreds of teachers and administrators who failed a "re-education" course, and more dismissals are likely, a Western diplomat in Rangoon said. The sackings come after anti-government student protests. (AFP)

Ministers go

Scout: President Roh of South Korea has dismissed three ministers and his internal intelligence chief after last week's setbacks in the general election. He made clear however that the government's anti-inflationary policies would continue. (Reuter)

Help requested Nairobi: Opposition leaders have asked Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth secretary-general, to send observers to Kenya's elections later this year. The

poll will be the first under a

multiparty system for more than 20 years. (Reuter) Front curbed

Algiers: The government has used its emergency powers to dissolve 400 of the 885 elected local and provincial assemblies dominated by the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front, accusing them of defying the authorities. (Reuter)

Activist freed

Jerusalem: Abie Nathan, aged 64, an Israeli peace activist, has been freed from jail after serving almost six months of an 18-month sentence for meeting Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader. His sentence was commuted by President Herzog. (AFP)

Killed by fish

Tokyo: A Japanese business-man, aged 64, died four days after eating small pieces of the exotic but potentially deadly blowfish, known here as fugu, at a sushi bar in the southern port of Nagasaki. Two other people are recovering in hospital. (Reuter)

Star-struck British invaders take Oscar beach-head

IF YOU stayed up watching the Oscars and lamented at the lack of British presence. with such abiquitous exceptions as Anthony Hopkins and Michael Caine. you might have taken a closer look at the front row of shricking fans who mobbed the celebrity arrivals.

As the likes of Barbra Streisand and Warren Beatty sprang out of their limousines, they were besieged not only by a swarm of pa-parazzi but a legion of Britcelebrity-hunting tourists who had flown out to Los Angeles to camp in royal-wedding style for two days to get the best public

seats for gawping.
Percy Keepin, aged 71, a
veteran royal wedding cam-Percy Keepin, aged 71, a fed up with having to stay veteran royal wedding camper from Maidstone, Kent. Oscars on his television at

pavements for the Oscar parade, William Cash in Los Angeles reports flew in with his daughter

A veteran royal-wedding camper led

the Britons who took control of the

Carol on a discount Virgin Airways flight, arriving on the pavement outside the Standing beneath a 30ft Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at 5am on Saturday. Wearing a Universal Studios souvenir badge, he said: "I just love Hollywood. I would have loved to come here in the Thirties and seen Cooper and Cagney. They were

my heroes."
Mr Keepin said he was

home. "My friends are going to be very envious." he

gold-painted replica of an Oscar statuette which had just been lowered into place by a giant crane, Tony Murphy, aged 33, who works in a wages office for the regional council in Glasgow. said he was obsessed by films and that being here on Oscar night was the highlight of his year. Mr Murphy was dressed in full Scottish football away strip

and was well supplied with sandwiches and beer. "After the Oscars, I'll be straight off to see the stars at the Spago party. It's a great atmosphere, better than most

football matches," he said. Andrew Connolly, who works for the National Westminster Bank in Nottingham, was dressed in an anorak and carried the latsaid he hoped to impress his friends with his Oscar night story for the next year. "Nottingham isn't exactly the beart of the film-making world. I once saw Alan Rickman at a distance of 10 yards. I felt a sort of tingling feeling all over and my heart started pounding."

These celebrity-hunting tourists watched on portest Tom Clancy novel. He able television sets as the

Goldie Hawn, Paul Newman and Elizabeth Taylor read out the names of the winners early this morning. The first results out, however, concerned losers rather than winners. The annual Golden Raspberry awards were announced earlier in the Academy Room of the Roosevelt Hotel, where the original Oscars were hand-

ed out before the war. Bruce Willis's Hudson Hawk was named the worst film of the year by the 365member Razzie organisation, which has been mocking the Oscars for the past 12 years. Kevin Costner was named worst actor for his performance in Robin Hood, Prince of

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Babyboomers come of age

Peter Stothard on the presidential hopefuls who play a generation game

mericans no longer ad-mire British elections for A their brevity and civility. How could they? But they do envy us for one thing — the way we have played the "generation game". At a Bill Clinton rally on Sunday night a New York schoolteacher reminded me that whatever the result in Britain on April 9, the second world war generation is out, that both Neil Kinnock (b. 1942) and John Major (b. 1943) are members of the class below that of Michael Foot and Margaret Thatcher.

May Abbott approved of the way a quick coup in each party removed those whose formative experience was the "GI days". Would this really last, she asked. I reassured her that unless a hung parliament hauls some grizzly elder from the red benches, Downing Street will continue to be occupied by one for whom the Hitler threat lay in the rationing of mashed banana. In a crazy year, she considered that a rare sign of reasoned political

New Yorkers divide themselves into generations almost as readily

groups. Just one school of contemporary age-speak has given us the "lost generation", the "GI", the "siand the "boomer" generations. When they look at their own presidential presidential pri-mary on April 7, the G-factor is high

Bill Clinton (b. 1946) is touchingly proud of being the first baby-boomer candidate for the White House He wants "generation-

al change" and the election of the first president of the 21st century: himself. Patrick Bu-chanan (b.1938) calls for the generation of George Bush (b.1924) to give way to — what else? — the "Buchanan generation". Even though he has given up the race, Paul Tsongas (b.1941) is still going on about "generational responsibilities".

This is a high-stakes battle of

symbols. Since there is no clear electoral argument about Washington's place in the world (or even its place in America), the appearance of a philosophy could make the difference between a seat on coach-class ticket home.

In November, George Bush will bid to stretch the term of the socalled "GI generation" in the White House to a record 35 years: from John Kennedy in 1961. through Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. This is the longest ascendency since the eilded generation" - from Ulysses Grant to Grover Cleveland that drew its strength from the Çivîl War.

Voters on left and right are saving that enough is enough, that for former jet pilots and tank drivers, international economic competition can never be as glamorous as a gunfight. Supporters of both Mr Buchanan and Governor Clinton ridicule the president as "Poppy" Bush, an out-of-touch buffer born in the prohibition era to the sound of a Gloria Swanson movie. Bring on the next in line,

But who is that? The American contemporaries of Messrs Kinnock and Major - those who were born too late to be in the war it but not late enough to be "boomers" are known as "the silents". None of them has ever reached the presidential podium. Walter Mondale, Michael Dukakis, Gary Hart and Tom Harkin are among those who tried but failed.

A week ago it looked as though the Democratic "silents" were doomed to be a lost presidential generation. Then suddenly from the Connecticut primary came one last unlikely hope. Former California Governor, Jerry Brown (b.1938) is storming across New York this week trying to keep both the dreaded youth and the tired oldster at bay. In one last pitch for the nation's "fiftysomethings" he is trying to glue Messrs Clinton and Bush together, suggesting that corruptly and secretly, the foulest financial and political habits of the old have been passed on

to the young. He has a big following. Jerry Brown is genuinely different. He repre-sents what politics was supposed to become after the age of big war. His is "we the people". He is running his presidential campaign just the way he ran Cali-1970s: through carefully crafted images of his own

responsiveness and Fiftysomething symbol: asceticism. He stands for contender Jerry Brown nothing. But, more

than that, he acts as though to "stand for something" would be the dumbest decision that any politician could take. He relies on symbols, but not in the way that George Bush or Bill Clinton might use a symbol to sell a policy. His symbols — his minstrel lifestyle, rejection of gubernatorial mansions and his voterinterviews by computer - are his everything.

Mr Brown has reduced himself to a telephone wire along which voter's anger against George Bush and distrust of Bill Clinton can pass with the minimum resisattitudes to which no one can object the ending of hunger, the extension of human rights, the preservation of the atmosphere. No one in New York much cares about his attitudes to power, only about his ability to keep the generational battle alive. April 7 is his birthday.

Democratic primary voters here want more choice. They would like to be offered other "silents", even some of the tarnished names behind the tarnished doors of Capitol Hill. But last year Mr Bush silenced them again, in best "GI generation" style, with a minor war which made him look unbeatable. Only Mr Brown is now left to stop Governor Clinton claiming the "boomers" inheritance before it is due.

Janet Daley says customers will stay away from shops that forget the buyer knows best

he British have learnt how to complain at last. They no longer accept rude and slovenly service with a cringing grin. They do not back away apologeti-cally when a retailer refuses a request. When British Rail devises a more than usually imaginative torture, they threaten riot and civil disorder. They are no longer content to be on the receiving end of every form of incompetence and bureaucratic bullying. But when it comes to the areas where we are really kicked around by big interests, how much good will it do?

Waving your arms around in your local DIY store because they do not stock the drill bits you need may get you some attention. What it will not do is bring back the corner hardware store, which not only had the drill bits but was willing to sell them individually rather than in bubble-packed sets. Returning rotten produce to the supermarket can earn you apologies and credit vouchers. But it will have no effect on the iniquitously high profit margins the big chains put on basic foods. Reversing the trend towards superstores and mega-expensive supermarkets which, having wiped out local competition, are free to charge what they like - will take more Service with a snarl

than a bit of individual truculence. This readiness to criticise and demand is not a sign of increasing anger with poorer public services. There is a perverse but well-documented pattern to human discontent: a small improvement in terrible conditions makes victims more inclined to agitate for further improvements. Totalitarian governments know that it is when they lighten up a bit that their subjects are most likely to rebel (as in the Soviet Union). Having a taste of

appetiser to a greater hunger. People are not complaining more because things are getting worse (except on public transport, where they certainly are getting worse), but because, having been offered slightly better choices, they have discovered their own power.

something better acts as an

In the real golden age of appalling services, the 1960s and '70s, complaining was widely thought to be a lost cause. Protesting to a nationalised industry. even with the most convincing arguments, was utterly futile. Ear-

ly in our married life, when we still had the time and energy for such things, my husband and I had a year-long dispute with the electricty board over an absurdly high bill. We demonstrated that it was mathematically impossible for us to have used the amount of electricity recorded by our meter in a single quarter even if we had left all of our appliances and lights on for 24 hours of every day. Although this was in a period of voltage reductions which the board admitted could cause meters to behave erratically, the board was adamant that we should pay the extortionate bill. Threats to take them to court were laughed off: "Any solicitor will tell you that you can never win against a nationalised industry." How about complaining to our MP?
"Nothing an MP can say will make any difference," they crowed. And they were right. The old nationalised public utilities were a law unto themselves.

Now that producers and regulators of utilities are institutionally

kind of logic in directing criticism at them: one is not appealing for justice to the very people who are doing the cheating. Regulators may be fairly powerless as long as those services are in the hands of monopolies, but even if British Telecom is only being energetically "gummed" by a toothless Oftel rather than savaged by competitors - consumers do have an outlet for their frustrations. Having learnt the habit, and having been emboldened by ten years of a

ination, they are carping away with the best of them. Only now that we have all learned to whine for Britain has the awful truth become undeniable: the purveyors of British goods and services (even those dealing in the most competitive markets) despise their customers. So vehement is this loathing that many shops would prefer to do no business at all rather than demean themselves by kowtowing to public demand. Huge numbers of small

political fashion for self-determ-

shops are closing in the recession, and yet I scour London in vain for a shop which recognises the mar-ket for moderately priced classic fashion for grown women. Al-though a majority of the population is now over 40, and although older people have far more spending money than the young, store after deserted store offers an identical range of ludicrously youth-oriented gear being sold to the accompaniment of cacophonous pop music. What good would it do to complain about this to an 18-year-old sales assistant?

Occasionally a foreign retailer causes a mild ripple in the smug closed circle of British retailing a European supermarket group offers inexpensive food in a nofrills setting - but the big chains sit tight, knowing that their hegemony won't really be threatened. Good old British companies such as M&S and Boots are still trying to do the decent thing by their loyal constituencies. But elsewhere contempt for the public is so deeply ingrained that it does not even require a conspiracy to enforce it. Britain has a long way to go before it learns to take seriously the desires of ordinary people. And that kind of change will take more than shouting into the wind.

Can a Christian vote Tory?

As the parties squabble about tax, Richard Harries ponders Jesus's enduring parable of the rich man

n forthright fashion, Mrs Thatcher once told the Church of Scotland that the first necessity is to create wealth. Only then, she said, will we have money to invest and respond to the many calls for help. The message aroused some ire in the Scottish Church, but Mrs Thatcher stands in an honourable tradition. John Wesley wrote: "Gain all you can: save all you can: give all you can", and Clement of Alexandria in the second century, who taught a similar doctrine, has been dubbed the first Thatcherite. Alexandria was the wealthiest

city in the Roman world and in time a number of rich young men began to be attracted by the Christian faith. But they were brought up short by the story of the rich man in the Gospels who was told by Jesus to give away all his money to the poor and then to come and follow him. Clement wrote his work Who then is the rich man that shall be saved? to help them find a place within the Church of the poor.

Clement argued that it is our inner disposition, our attitude to right, we can live with our wealth and use it for good. If it is wrong, even if we give all our wealth away, we shall be eaten up inside. But is this what Jesus meant? Is it this that makes it easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God?

Some thought not. Disillu-sioned with the laxity and compromises of a church that was rapidly gaining adherents, they went off into the deserts of Eygpt to live in poverty and day by day trust of God. For Jesus had said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God" (Luke 6, 20). Yet, according to the more familiar version of the Beatitude in Matthew 5, 1, Jesus said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God." Luke's version suggests material poverty, while Matthew's suggests a spiritual quality. It seems rather impor-tant to find out what is meant.

My own view is that the Beatitudes are best understood against the background of the psalms. which are full of references to the poor and needy. In the psalms, the poor person is one who loses out in the world as it is, not only through material poverty but through option. Nevertheless this person, very often the subject of the psalm, goes on putting his or her whole trust in God and expressing the hope that God will act to put right all that is wrong. In short, the poor of the psalms cannot be equated simply with either a sociological or religious category. The poor person expresses trust and hope, but his

plight is very real.

There is both good news and bad news here for the rich. The good news is that there is a possibility for all of us, whoever we are, to hear the message of God's love for us personally. All we have to do is to come before God conbrokenness, egotism or shallow-ness. And it is the experience of every pastor that there are moments when the facade of the most complacent, self-satisfied and selfrighteous people crumbles.

Conscious of our own need, we become like Lear in the storm, aware of the needs of others and stricken by our own previous indifference: "O, I have ta'en / too little care of this! Take physic, pomp: / Expose thyself to feel what

The hard part is that in order to go on hearing the good news we have to obey the Gospel by responding to that need. For in the New Testament, Christ's offer of God's unconditional love goes hand-in-hand with the absolute standards of the Kingdom we are



King Lear in the storm despite our guilt we can serve Christ and Mammon

entering, to love others without limit. And this, in today's world, means being obedient to Christ in the capitalist world in which we

find ourseives. One of the most important rediscoveries of the Reformation was the lay vocation. This means that it is as Christian to be a banker as a bishop, as godly to be a stockbroker as a nun - if we are sincerely committed to following

the risen Lord into the companies. markets, exchanges and parlia-ments of the world. If we do this, we shall certainly come up against vested interests, malevolence, greed and the sheer will to power, not only in individuals but in institutionalised forms. Those who follow this path may lose out, but they will have begun to rank

Christians working in the system need also to be alert for ways in which it works against the powerless. John Wesley made a lot of money, but he gave nearly all of it away. The rest of us have difficulty reaching the basic minimum standard set by

Christian values such

as free choice and

responsibility. But

the Hebrew scrip-tures, of giving 10 per cent of one's personal income for the work of God. But this personal able though it is, should be a sign of commitment to making the writ of God run in the whole of our world, especially in the realms of economics and politics.

In Australia last summer, while giving some lectures on the question of whether there is a Gospel for the Rich, a number of people came up to me and said: "That sounds interesting, I must ring up some of my rich friends and try to persuade them to come." But why are the rich always other people? In a world people are living at or below starvation level most of us, quite properly, feel haunted by the story of Jesus and

the rich young man. But a vague feeling of guilt is useless. If we think the dilemma through in Christian terms, we can be committed to serving Christ in the capitalist system and to making it serve those most in need.

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...and moreover Craig Brown

pleasure to go to dinner at Brian Walden's house, and last week was no exception. Of course, one must always allow a reasonable amount of time for getting into the house, so I arrived quarter of an hour early, at 7.45 pm.

I pressed the button on the walkie-talkie device by the front

door. His distinctive voice rang

"Simple question to start with," he said. "Who's there?" "It's Craig." I said.
"Craig?" he said. "Craig? That

is, if I may say so — and I feel sure that a lot of people at home must be saying the same thing - a rather vague sort of reply. There is, they will be saying to themselves, of that I have no doubt, an illustrious actress, Wendy Craig. Is she outside? Or could it be the original member of that distinguished pop group Bros. who later split with the group citing musical dif-ferences? It all seems very wishy-washy to me. Perhans and this is only a suggestion you would care to be more specific, to stand full square and say, loud and clear, as so many people are begging you to say. 'Yes, he's right. I owe it to myself and I owe it to the country as a whole to state my full name. clearly and unequivocally.' Don't you think that's what you should be saying now? Don't you? Don't you? Don't you?"

"Actually, it's Craig Brown," I said, "You invited me."

"but for now, I think that everyone will be delighted, if perhaps a little surprised, that you have finally come out with a full statement about what one can only call the eerie mirage of fudge surrounding your name. So, if I can summarise your position as it now stands, and please correct me if I'm wrong. You are not Wendy Craig — you have made that crystal clear, for which I thank you — and you are not Craig, the original member of the pop group Bros. Am I right so far?"

By this stage, I was growing very cold indeed, so I tried to keep my answer as short and straightforward as possible.

"Yes," I said. "Now let's investigate precisely what you mean by 'yes'." he replied. "Let's get this absolutely clear: you are asking us to believe that 'Yes' you are not Wendy Craig - rather a roundabout way of putting it, many people at home might be thinking, but that is your privilege -or are you saying, as I think you are trying to say, 'Yes, all things, considered. I am in fact Wendy

Craig?"
"No."
"Well, you seem to have mind over that one, and many people must be wondering if you really know who you are, but time's running out so let's move on to another issue of major importance ..."

It was not until just before ten o'clock that I finally gained admission to the house. By "We'll go into that claim a 11.30, all the other guests, many ittle later if we may," he replied, of them coughing and sniffing isn't getting through.

from hours spent in the cold, had finally managed to gain entry, and so we all sat down to

Pouring the wine rather delayed things, alas. "It seems to me," Brian said to each of us, a bottle in either hand, "that you have a clear choice of two stark options, or possibly three. Let me put them to you as simply as I can, so that - forgive me - even you can understand them. On the one hand, you can have a glass of wine from the bottle in my right hand. In the bottle, that wine is red, and most people — many of them leading commentators — would argue that it will undoubtedly continue to be red when it reaches the glass. On the other hand, you might say to yourself, 'No, I don't want red wine. Red wine is not what I want. What I want despite everything — is white wine. White wine is what I want.' And then there is a third option; unusual, perhaps, but an option nevertheless. You could have a mixture of red wine and white wine. An experiment, you might say. Before I ask you to state your choice, I would ask

We finished dinner - very pleasant, if a trifle cold shortly before eight o'clock the following morning. The next day, I rang to thank him. "It's Craig ringing to thank you." I said. "Let's get this absolutely clear," he replied. "Craig who?" It's a funny thing about Brian. Sometimes it's as if one just

whether that is a fair summary

of the options open to you?"

The Firm goes on show

AFTER much agonising, the organisers of the "Sovereign" exhibition, the centrepiece of the Oueen's 40th anniversary celebrations, decided yesterday to go ahead with this week's opening, despite the death of the father of the Princess of Wales. The decision means that the press view of the exhibition at the V&A will coincide with Earl Spencer's funeral on Wednesday. The organisers have decided that the clash is regrettable but that it is not practical - or necessary - to

change the arrangements. Buckingham Palace was consulted before the decision to go ahead. "Fortunately the main opening is the day after the funeral," says John Julius Norwich, the curator. "We wouldn't want to offend the palace or anyone else." The former House of Commons speaker Bernard Weatherill will formally open the exhibition on Thursday, and the public will have access from Friday.

The exhibition has already proved accident-prone, and at least one item has been removed from the display after objections. A film montage illustrating the difficult relationship between the Royal Family and tabloid newspapers has been withdrawn. It included several examples of the headline writer's art, including references to "Fergie, the Duchess of Pork". The Palace objected even before the news of the separation

became public. Since the separation, a further examination of the exhibition's Fergiana was carried out - with the result that the only remaining references to the Duchess of York are on a postage stamp and in the odd family portrait. "We couldn't exactly cut her out of group photo-



graphs, and nor would we want ' says Norwich. However, the changes have not

been ordered by the Queen, for she has not even seen the exhibition. She declined the offer of a preview, despite having lent a variety of rarely seen royal possessions — including clothes mothballed for 40 years, which, it is said, she herself has not set eyes on in all those years.

• Screaming Lord Sutch's party manifesto has turned into something of a pig's ear with its pledge of "a glass of beer and a ham sandwich" for the entire nation when the Monster Raving Loony Party is elected. Tony King, the party's campaign manager, has been forced to backtrack on the promise, telling a deeply offended Jewish Chronide that the ham will be optional rather than compulsory. . .

Home from home

THE removal of Charles Althorp. the new Earl Spencer, to the ancestral home, Althorp House, means he is leaving behind a smaller but important house the Falconry, a lodge in the grounds of the main house which he and his wife Victoria have decorated in Victorian gothic style. A straight swap, with his stepmother Raine, Countess

Spencer, taking over the flag-stoned lodge is a possibility, although it was suggested yesterday that Bognor Regis is a more likely future home for her

among the poor who are blessed. A

market economy is in some re-

The lodge is furnished with items Althorp has been able to rescue in midnight raids on the main house before they could be sold. His degree in modern history -- "a good second" says Angus Macintyre, his former tutor at Magdalen College, Oxford — has given him a genuine feel for his new role. "He was a fine scholar with a deep and genuine interest in modern history and his family's role in it."

Then I'll begin

GROWN men and women were whisked back to their childhoods by the Green party's radio election broadcast yesterday in which the actress Glynis Brooks delivered an unashamed imitation of Daphne Oxenford's Listen With Mother stories. Voters under 30 might well ask who? Those old enough to remember were enthralled by the matronly tones telling the tale of the strange people, called human



beings, who managed to pollute their nice home, known as earth. But Daphne Oxenford, was unimpressed. The Greens, she felt had been patronising - some-

thing she always avoided, in more than 20 years of reading to the nation's children. "Listen With Mother only works if you ask 'Are you sitting comfortably?' and don't talk down to your audience."

Healthy audience

HOW good to learn that real life can still intrude into the perfect world of the spin-doctors. Not that William Waldegrave necessarily saw it like that at the weekend when he turned up to speak at a school hall in Kenilworth, Warwickshire. The doors were locked: the caretaker was nowhere to be found. Tory aides were left wondering whether he was out canvassing for Labour or had simply gone to the pub.

But Waldegrave, mindful of John Major's demand that ministers get on their soapboxes, was determined to speak, and demanded that local party chiefs find an alternative. Back at Rugby and Kenilworth Tory headquarters, the secretary of state was given a drink while officials hastily worked the phones. They eventually came up with the Musmayja Latvian

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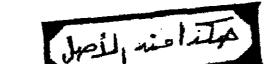
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Centre in the village of Wolston. There then arose the problem of finding an audience. As Waldegrave set out across the Warwickshire countryside, complete with a union flag to drape over the stage, party officials frantically phoned local Tory members. By the time Waldegrave arrived, an audience of 40 loyalists was waiting to greet him. They gave him, by all accounts, the biggest round of applause of the campaign to date.

Now we have a politically correct board game, courtesy of the Young Women's Christian Association. "Discoveries" is "non-competitive, non-sectarian and nonthreatening", explains Elizabeth Sharples of the YWCA.





NO NEED TO EXAGGERATE

For the third time in as many months the Conservatives have made taxation an election issue. Having twice failed to move public opinion with claims that Labour will produce a 10p increase in income tax, the Tories have raised the figure to 122p. This is an exaggeration of what Labour would have to do to meet its various spending commitments within existing borrowing levels, as recent Times assessments of John Smith's alternative budget have concluded. It is not, however, an exaggeration of an issue that symbolises the wide philosophical gulf that still exists between the main parties.

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A future Labour government's ability to increase public spending will depend far less on its manifesto commitments than on the future rate of economic growth. This is what should be exercising the Tories. The party has apparently decided that it should not be seen to "defend the rich", even if Mr Smith's real victims were not so much the "rich" but more the middling classes. This was a questionable judgment. For every voter who earns £22,000 there should be many others who hope one day to do so, at least in the kind of opportunity society that John Major's positive campaign was supposed to evoke. Polls now suggest that over half the electorate have got the impression, right or wrong, that they would pay more tax under Labour.

What Mr Major has to do now is emphasise that Labour's policy of attacking the wealthier voters would destroy the jobs of ordinary workers and damage the economy as a whole. This may seem a tall order, but it is the message conservative parties have to argue in every election against socialists the world over. The simplest and oldest argument against massive redistribution is the most persuasive, especially at a time of recession. The richest 10 per cent of the population dominates spending on cars, consumer durables, recreation and housing. If affluent families suffer large overnight cuts in disposable income, their spending on

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these and many other goods and services will

fall abruptly.
Ultimately, the poorer members of society who benefit from redistributive expenditure will make up for the loss in spending. This is why conventional economic models suggest that redistributive taxes tend slightly to increase demand in the medium term. But conventional economic models are not conventional economic snodels are not having a good recession. Common sense suggests a risk that people who suffer big losses in income will cut their spending faster than those who enjoy small gains. Even if the two adjustments take place simultaneously, the different spending patterns of the rich and poor in society would guarantee a period of dislocation. The sacked Jaguar worker may find a job making Minis and the redundant water may become a hospital redundant waiter may become a hospital porter, but this will taketime.

None of the small incentives and public spending measures in Mr Smith's "recovery plan" is likely to compensate in the short term for the loss of consumer demand implied by his higher fax proposals, let alone for the probable fall as house prices in the South East. What further damage might be done by Labour's policies — notably the surge in pay claims initiated by the minimum wage, and Sunday's "green light" to public sector employees — is pure guesswork. But never has there been a more dangerous time to find out.

In the midst of the longest recession and the worst housing slimp in a generation, the electorate is more worried about job security and rapid economic recovery than any other issue. Whatever responsibility attaches to the Tories for contributing to recession, an opportunity and an obligation remains for them to capitalise on it. The effects of Labour's tax plans may be nothing like as dire as Tory spokesmen are claiming, but they would be dire none the less. They would not cure the recession. They would probably prolong and deepen it.

DISSIDENT SIBERIA

Siberia, a tundra of snows and sorrows, has for centuries been Russia's colony and its prison. Now the Siberians want to throw off the shackles. Delegates meeting in Krasnoyarsk have accused Moscow of systematically phindering the resources of their sparse land, despoiling the fragile ecology, expropriating the wealth that could have transformed an area bigger than Europe into a viable and prosperous nation. On the eve of a treaty that was intended to give new democratic legitimacy to the Russian federation that sprawis across 11 time zones, Moscow rule faces revolt in Siberia.

The rebellion follows the declarations of independence by Chechens and Tatars, and the demands by dozens of agencies of local government throughout Russia, large and small, for the right to pass their own laws and set their own taxes. Forget the fissiparous created by tsars and terrorised by Bolsheviks, is falling apart. The Stalinist monolith cannot survive the spread of democracy and self-determination.

The alarm in Moscow is palpable. Most of Russia's wealth and collateral for the huge aid it now wants from the West is in valuable minerals, including gold and diamonds, lying beneath the permafrost of Siberia. Nationalists accuse President Yeltsin of recklessly failing to prevent the country's dissolution, just as President Gorbachev was accused of losing the Soviet Union. The prospect of dozens of new mini-republics, each with the trappings of statehood and the irritant of ancient ethnic grievances, looks like ushering in decades of political turmoil, putting paid to Russian hopes of remaining

a world power. Russia, like the Soviet Union, cannot be saved by force. After 70 years of centralising communism after centuries of colonial rule, the Siberians and the other inhabitants of the Asian landmass are deeply distrustful of Moscow. They want freedom to govern themselves. Having never known devolution or any form of genuine autonomy they believe that nothing short of outright independence will do. In a sense they are right. Communism cannot be partially dismantled. The only way ordinary people will learn how to make a market economy work is to begin afresh at the bottom, with individuals free to till their own land, run their own businesses, sell their own produce.

Such markets, however, must be fairly policed. A legal framework must guarantee access and protect property and individuals. The principle of subsidiarity is as important in Siberia as it is in the European Community. Economic and political decisions should be taken at the lowest level possible. But this does not mean returning to feudal economics, or condemning any level of government larger than the city state.

The myriad of ethnic, religious and tribal communities across the Russian Federation in those areas where a modern state needs general agreement: currency, transport, the environment, communications and security, to name a few. The development under communism of unified energy networks, huge regional centres and a social infrastructure that cannot easily be broken apart makes voluntary political co-operation all but essential if Russia is to be spared endless demarcation squabbles and ethnic rivalry. Frontier posts and customs tariffs hinder rather than help local enterprise.

Many borders will have to be redrawn. The self-proclaimed Dnestr republic of Russian-speakers does not want, like the rest of Moldavia, to unite with Romania. But selfdetermination will not be guaranteed by cartography. Too many peoples are too mixed to be separated by a new apartheid. Mr Yeltsin's government in Moscow should be ready to grant whatever demands for devolution come from his ramshackle empire. It is then up to the peoples themselves to decide in what manner they wish to trade and treat with each other. Only thus is Russia, as a larger geographical unit, likely to rebuild itself as a pluralist, capitalist democracy.

BESS UNMASKED

Computer graphics analysis in the United States claims to have resolved the question of the identity of Shakespeare. It has long been thought absurd to suppose that a provincial glover's son, with only a grammar school education, could have written those sophisticated poems and plays, showing such deep knowledge not only of human nature, but also of courtly etiquette and foreign travel. The surviving images of Shakespeare are equally disappointing for snobs. They are all different, and most of them make Shakespeare look lower-middle-class, a bit like a well-lubricated silver ring bookmaker.

Much the most aristocratic of them is the one printed as the frontispiece to the First Folio edition of the plays, published in the year of his death. This was put together by Shakespeare's colleagues and approved by his wife, who must have known what Shakespeare looked like. The Folio portrait was engraved by a young artist called Martin Droeshout, and is strikingly different from the others, with its long nose, chiselled eyes, high forehead, and magisterial air. Critics have commended "the searching look of the cyes understanding everything, what a forehead, what a brain!" He looks faintly familiar. The American computer analysts have decided that he is indeed familiar.

They have been comparing the portrait datum by infinitesimal datum with the images of all of Shakespeare's contemporaries, asking whose image formed the model for the First Folio picture. Their calculations have come up with an unexpected answer: that the Folio portrait is not Francis Bacon, or Ben Jonson, or William Stanley, or Edward de Vere, or Emilia Lanier, or even another man called Shakespeare. They say that the portrait looks most like Elizabeth I.

And even unstatistically they have a point. That is why the Folio face seems familiar. Those wary eyes stare imperiously and that aristocratic beak impends majestically out of all the portraits of the first Elizabeth. Computers indicate, statistically to their satisfaction, that Elizabeth was the model for the Folio portrait of Shakespeare. It is now left to the feminist literary fanatics to carry the argument to its logical conclusion.

Why should Shakespeare's friends illustrate the First Folio with a coded portrait of Elizabeth in male dress and moustache except to convey the cryptic message that she wrote the works inside? Robert Graves demonstrated that a woman wrote the Odyssey because of the close knowledge that epic shows of domestic matters such as weaving and bed-making, ignored in the macho Iliad. Shakespeare's account of the burdens of monarchy and the perils of treason have the ring of experience.

Surely nobody but a deeply romantic and frustrated woman could have written so movingly about women in love of all ages, from Juliet and Rosalind to Cleopatra and Hermione. Elizabeth I may have had the body of a weak and feeble woman, but she also had the wit and learning of a master hack. No woman, much less a queen, could admit to writing for the disreputable theatre. So did she use carnouflage? Did the Dark Lady in fact have red hair? If Elizabeth I did not write Shakespeare, she missed the opportunity of her life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mr Roger Grafftey-Smith

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Urban decay as party priority

From the Archdeacon of Southwark and others

Sir, We have been appointed by our respective dioceses to monitor the way the Church and our society have responded to the detailed recommendations of the Church of England's Faith in the City report. That report defined 1,122 parishes as "urban priority areas" (UPAs), each of them characterised by economic decline, physical decay and social disintegration.

We wish to place on record that, whilst the Church has responded in many remarkable ways to the needs of people living in UPAs, the overall situation within them has deteriorated in the past seven years.

Economic decline has deepened; long-term unemployment has risen; the numbers in or on the margins of poverty have risen; the value of benefits have fallen, especially for those under 25. Physical decay has worsened: whether it be the state of our schools and hospitals and hous-ing stock, or the condition of roads, parks, open spaces and libraries, the overwhelming experience is one of

grievous neglect.
Social disintegration has escalated and is everywhere apparent — in the periodic urban eruptions; in the huge increase in crime especially in crimes of violence; in the prevalance of child abuse and domestic violence; in the crumbling services on which people depend, such as law and advice centres; and supremely in the massive rise of homelessness across the country. On almost every con-ceivable index, people in UPAs are in a worse situation than they were in

At a more profound level, however, we wish to declare our deep conviction that this deterioration testifies to a bankrupt social vision which has guided our economic and social policy over the past decade. As we approach the election, we need to acknowledge and reassert the moral and ethical basis of our institutions and to go beyond the destructive individualism which has so corroded our sense of shared humanity and

common destiny.
Unless this ethical and ultimately spiritual dimension is addressed by spirmial dimension is addressed by each of the political parties, then no amount of tinkering with our institu-tions, multiplying choices or increas-ing resources, will address the needs of those living in the UPAs of our land. There must be more to life than shopping and television and all the political parties have a duty to spell out what their social vision is, how it will resolve the grave social injustice which continues to mar our country and how it will unify its people in a common social hope.

Yours faithfully, DOUGLAS BARTLES-SMITH JOHN M. AUSTIN (London), PETER ATKINSON (Oxford). BRIAN BARNES (Canterbury). RICHARD FREEMAN (Rochester). ANN MORISY (London), DAVID PARTRIDGE (Portsmouth), CHRIS RICH (Winchester). DAVID RUDD (St Alban's), MARTIN WALLACE (Chelms la Dog Kennel Hill, East Dulwich, SE22. March 26.

Simnel treat From Mrs Anne V. Wood

Sir, Mr Peter Beer (letter, March 28) may like to know that the children of Chobham (my seven-year-old daughter included) offered slices of Simnel cake to their mothers after yesterday's family communion service.

I spent part of Saturday afternoon which of the kinds described in Mr

baking the cake, but am not sure Beer's letter it most closely resembled; I just hope that it did not remind anyone of our local speciality - Chobham armour!

Yours faithfully. ANNE V. WOOD, Whinfield, Chertsey Road, Chobham, Surrey. March 30.

From Mr S. C. Littlewood

Sir, What dull Simnel cakes Mr Beer describes. I was always taught to make them with spices, currants, candied peel, etc., with a slice of marzipan through the centre and one on the top, surmounted by 11 balls of marzipan to represent the apostles minus Judas Iscariot.

Yours nostalgically, S. C. LITTLEWOOD, 14 Temeside, Ludlow, Shropshire.

UK's fine-art trade

From Mr. Antony Mair

Virtually all the items covered by these figures would fall within the ambit of the Portuguese proposal.

First, the imposition of VAT on imports into the Community, and its

It must do great harm to the financial standing of our country

Sir. It seems to me that the evidence so far of voters' intentions underlines their fear of redundancy and the oppression of the present recession. However unnatural it may be for many of them, they may vote Labour simply because they believe the propaganda that a socialist government will somehow save their jobs and make it all better. They only Do our businessmen know their intend to "lend" their vote to Labour business?

What they are forgetting is the parallel with the 1974 election. Then thousands of small businesses and shopkeepers voted Labour solely to stop the agony of the three-day week induced by the miners' strike. While the strike was ended, the period of socialist mismanagement which fol-lowed was utterly devastating to many of those small businesses.

for the short term.

The disincentives contained in the Labour party's fiscal intentions will only prolong the recession indefi-nitely. "Lending" his vote pro tem to get out of the present hole is about the most short-sighted action any trader could take.

Yours faithfully, ROGER GRAFFTEY-SMITH, Graffley-Smith and Associates, 133 Thomas More House. Barbican, EC2.

From Mr Philip Eaton

Sir, I wonder whether the numerous businessmen who have recently contributed to your letters page, and in particular those who have supported the Conservative party, are seriously aware of the comparative figures of Conservative and Labour governments for equity returns, in-terest rates and inflation for each of the periods between elections since

According to figures produced by the economic unit of James Capel & Co the period of best equity return was 1974-9 under Labour at an annualised rate of 55 per cent. The best achieved under Conservatives was 39.7 per cent in 1983-7.

Interest rates were at their highest average levels in two periods of Conservative government 1979-83 (13.4 per cent) and 1987-91 (12.4 per cent), with the Labour average over the 25 years at 8.6 per cent and the Conservative average at 11.4 per

Only on inflation have Labour governments done less well, their worst average being 15.8 per cent

Jewish identity

Election facts, figures and fantasies on the economy

(1974-9) compared with the Conservatives' worst average of 12.2 per cent (1979-83).

both at home and abroad and to our exchange rate when unjustified and misinformed alarm is raised about the impact on the economy of this. that or the other next government.

Yours faithfully. PHILIP EATON, Scotsmansfield, Burway, Church Stretton, Shropshire.

March 25. From Mr W. J. Ablett

Sir, May I draw your attention to a ssage from the Liberal Democrats' basic guide to local government finance and budgets for Liberal councillors, Budgeting for Real, by Andrew Stunell:

Of course, anything you can do to build up your financial reserves helps, because they earn interest at the bank — which is extra money you can spend. Improving your "cash-flow" can have the same effect either increasing your bank balance (and so increasing interest income) or reducing your borrowing (and cutting your interes

payments). One Liberal council saves £130,000 p.a. by credit management, by paying bills as late as possible.

Presumably, those businessmen who support the Liberal Democrat economic policies endorse this guid-

Apparently to condone deliberate delays in making payments on accounts rendered, when one has received goods/services, is nothing less than dishonest. It is such practices which have forced many businesses into closure.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer acknowledged this problem of de-layed payments in his Budget. His proposal that all sub-contractors involved with government contracts will be paid within a specified period has been widely welcomed. Yours faithfully,

W. J. ABLETŤ, 67 Torquay Road, Chelmsford, Essex. March 24.

From Mr A. S. Owen

Sir. Looking at the figures compiled by KPMG Peat Marwick published in The Times on March 17, it appears that Labour's tax proposals can produce rather curious or even

anomalous results. Under Labour's proposals a married couple both working with husband earning £20,000 and the wife £15,000 with one child, will have a ner income of

£26,358 including child benefit On the other hand, a couple where the husband alone is working and earning £35,000 but there are two children will have a net income of £24,768. Thus the family with an identical gross income but potentially greater commitments than the other will have a net income of £1,590 less.

Going up the scale of earnings the differential appears to increase sig-nificantly. Thus, where a husband and wife are earning £40,000 and £20,000 respectively their net income would apparently be £41,215, whereas if the husband alone was earning £60,000 the family's net income would be £35,690 - a differential of £5,525 between couples with the same total gross income.

I suppose that some differential in these circumstances is inevitable. On the Conservative Budget figures the differentials in the cases cited would apparently be £418 and £1.952

respectively.

It might be argued that there are too few families adversely affected by the position to make the point of any political significance and in any event families on the level of net income concerned will manage anyway. None the less, I would suggest that the effect of Labour's proposals is, in this respect, inequitable.

Yours faithfully. A. S. OWEN, 4) Corder Road, Ipswich, Suffolk. March 23.

From Sir Jan Morrow

Sir, Mr Kinnock has said (report. March 24) that if necessary he will introduce credit controls, initially in the housing sector, if these controls are extended to consumer-spending

as has happened previously, the country will be back to stop go. This in the past has devastated industry: manufacturers' order books suddenly disappeared, confidence evaporated and investment lagged. Will the politicians never learn?

Yours faithfully, IAN MORROW. 2 Albert Terrace Mews, NW1. March 25.

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From Rabbi Dr Julian G. Jacobs Sir, I refer to the letter from Lord Blanch, President of the CMJ (Church's Ministry among the Jews),

of March 21. I have before me A Code of Practice for CMJ Workers issued in 1988 by their general director and the leader of their London Outreach Team in which one of the principles of "right evangelism" which they

wish to affirm is: To show clearly that the Jewish people who believe in Jesus remain Jews, and are in fact fulfilled in their Jewishness, so that familial, social and political responsibilities, where they do not militate against the Messiahship of Jesus, are still to be

Many Jews find this both untrue and offensive. It is not for CMJ to tell us what Judaism is. Quite simply, a Jew who believes in Jesus cuts himself off from Judaism and his Jewishness. One theological belief common to orthodox, conservative, reform and liberal Judaism is its rejection of the divinity and messiahship of Jesus. In no way can the stated principle of CMJ be reconciled with true Jewishness or authentic

Jewish identity. Yours sincerely, J. G. JACOBS (Minister of Ealing Synagogue), 12 Ascott Avenue, Ealing, W5. March 25.

Party colours From Mr Lawrence Sail

Sir, Your artist Peter Brooks's excellent illustration of our political leaders as chameleons (Life & Times, March 23) seems particularly appropriate at a time when the electorate is apparently expected to thrive, like Hamlet, by eating of "the chameleon's dish" — "the air, promisecramm'd".

Yours faithfully, LAWRENCE SAIL, 7 Wonford Road, Exeter, Devon. March 23.

Sir, Sarah Jane Checkland's article on the current Portuguese initiative regarding a levy of value-added tax on antiques imported into the European Community (March 20) gave welcome coverage to this issue but failed to disclose the full implica-

In 1991 the UK exported £1.45 billion worth of fine arts and antiques. Imports in 1991 amounted to £1.17 billion. The principal countries of both origin and destination were the United States and Switzerland. These happen also to be rival centres for the fine art trade.

The consequences are twofold.

absence on exports, will encourage the outflow of works of art and damage Europe's heritage. This has already been seen in the case of Ireland. In 1982 imports into Ireland accounted for £2.45 million, exports for £4.4 million. By 1984, by which time imports were subject to VAT at 23 per cent, exports had climbed to £8.5 million, and imports reduced to £1.6 million. Secondly, the imposition of VAT

on Community imports would result in the fine-art market being displaced to rival centres such as New York and Geneva. The 1991 figures mentioned above give some idea of the scale of the trade, and the number of people employed in it.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.

Planning 'anarchy' From Mr Frank S. Vine

Sir, Your article, "Modernised

homes ruin historic towns" (March 26) must strike responsive chords in all who have seen and suffered the effect of tasteless street-scene development over the past decade. But should we be surprised? The

tone seems to have been set as long ago as November 1980 by the then (and present) secretary of state for the environment. In his notorious Plan-ning Circular 22/80 we read: "Planning authorities ... should not ... impose their tastes on developers simply because they believe them to be superior". Moreover, planning authorities were discouraged from compelling developers to adopt designs which are unpopular with

their customers or clients". Could clearer encouragement have been given to the cause of planning anarchy?

Yours faithfully FRANK S. VINE, Springside, High Street, Saltford, Bristol.

TV repeats

From Mr Will Wyatt Sir, May I clarify the BBC's policy on prime-time repeats (report, March 25)? What we are doing is to reduce

 not to outlaw — repeats and American series in peak time on BBC-1.
As Melinda Wittstock indicates in her feature ("Auntie goes into the risk business", Media, March 25), this is being achieved by stepping up production of BBC drama and entertainment in the wake of savings

from greater efficiency. This is a policy of transition rather than abolition. Repeats, imaginatively and sensibly scheduled, and the best television from overseas will continue to have a legitimate place on our two networks.

Yours faithfully, WILL WYATT (Managing Director Network Television). BBC Television. Television Centre, Wood Lane, W12.

These persons' livelihood is necessarily under threat, as are the invisible earnings deriving from attendance in London of international buyers.

The proposal has been put forward by the Portuguese presidency against the Commission's advice, and against a background of near unanimity for a more palatable alternative. It has become apparent from contacts made by UK dealers and auctioneers with their colleagues in other member states that there has been minimal local consultation. That a proposal can even get this far is a dramatic illustration of the democratic deficit and lack of true accountability in the present Community institutions.

Yours faithfully, ANTONY MÁIR (Legal adviser to the UK fine-art trade working party), Stephenson Harwood. 1 St Paul's Churchyard, EC4. March 23.

National park threat

From Mr Gerald Haythornthwaite Sir, Having selected the most envi-ronmentally destructive method of desulphurising power station flue gases by the limestone/gypsum process, using 310,000 tons of limestone per year per power station. those responsible now threaten to

maximise the environmental damage. Limestone quarries around Buxton have been selected to desulphurise the power station at Rateliffe-on-Soar. Between Buxton and Ratcliffe lies the Peak District national park. If the limestone is carried by lorry some 70 thundering vehicles would daily in-vade the national park and its townships and villages.

The alternative would be transportation by rail using one to two trains a day, which is being urged by the Peak Park joint planning board. The minister in the Department of Energy has replied to the board:

I do not believe that it would have been proper for the secretary of state to instruct the company first to obtain its limestone from one supplier or from sources with rail connections, as this is primarily a commercial matter for the company.

It is surely intolerable that marginal commercial interests should override the purposes of a national park established for the preservation of its natural beauty and its quiet enjoyment by the public. Yours faithfully.

GERALD HAYTHORNTHWAITE (Honorary Secretary). Sheffield, Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch, Council for the Protection of Rural England, 22 Endcliffe Crescent Sheffield, South Yorkshire. March 23.

Off the rails

From Mr Timothy West

Sir, Enough has been written about British Rail's insistence on referring to their passengers as "customers" as if the rolling stock were being offered for sale rather than for purposes of conveyance; but now there's this new reluctance to use the seminal word "train".

Instead we have "the service now standing at platform two": "we apologise for the late arrival of this service": and, last week, a guard's announcement over the intercom. Please do not open the doors until the service has come to a complete standstill". (The fact that this occurred on a Sunday morning lent the

words a certain piquancy.)
I feel strongly about this, having been a service enthusiast all my life. As a small boy I used to play services up and down the hall until I was old enough to become a service-spotter. This may in part be due to my actor parents having met in a production of Arnold Ridley's famous thriller, The Ghost Service.

Yours faithfully, TIMOTHY WEST. 46 North Side.

Wandsworth Common, SW18. March 20.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 30: The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General, Royal Marines, attended the Centenary Dinner of the Royal Marine Officers' Dinner Club in Lincoln's Inn, London WC2, this evening. Major Ian Grant, RM, was in

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 30: The Prince Edward, Trustee, today gave a hunch for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 30: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Home Farm Trust, this morning visited Phase 1 of the Home Farm Trust London Scheme at 14 Warwick Road and 38 South Road, Bishop's Stortford, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hertfordshire (Mr Simon Roads Lucul

Birthdays today

The Marquess of Ailesbury, 66; Professor Patrick Bateson, pro-vost, King's College, Cambridge, 54; Mr Richard Chamberlain, actor, 57; Sir Robert Cockburn, actor, 57; Sir Robert Cockburn, former director, RAE Farnborough, 83; Mr John Fowles, writer, 66; Viscount Furness, 63; Mr John Kenny-Welch, joint senior partner, Cazenove and Company, 56; Sir Pat Lowry, former chairman, Acas, 72; the Rev Derek Pattinson, former secretary, seneral Syrond of retary-general, General Synod of the Church of England, 62; the Right Rev John Roberts, former Abbot of Downside, 73; Mrs Daphne Robertson, Sheriff of isgow and Strathkelvin, 55: the Earl of Rosslyn, 34: Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock, gastro-enterologist, 74; Sir David Steel. 54; Lord Trefgarne, 51; Professor Sir Frederick Warner, chemical engineer, 82; Mr Sidney Weighell, trades unionist, 70; the Earl of Westmoriand, 68.

The Dowager Countess of Buchan wishes to thank all her kind friends for the flowers and cards sent to her in hospital. She will be writing shortly.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admined as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry on March 13, 1992. They are entitled to use the designation "Chartered Chemist" and the letters CChem FRSC: And Michael Content Prese.

S Al-Malalin. P Burnet, R / Blade, J D
Bennet, R / Blade, J D
Calliber, W Clege, P A Crooks, P Doyle,
L S Fuller, R A Goffe, C W Greengrass. T
Griffin. C D Hall, R Jeffiers, W B
Jennings, N P Johnson, U Kirwan, S T
Leifie, S Liu, R W Mayes, R T Nuttill; D
W Prest, R N F Simpson, J I Smith, J B
Spark, R S Widenmanian, D R Summers,
K S Webb, F D Wroe, H Yamamoto.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Home Farm Trust Development Trust, afterwards attended a Luncheon at Broom's Farm, Albany, Mrs Willian Nunneley was

KENSINGTON PALACE March 30: The Prince of Wales arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this morning from a visit

to Italy and Austria. KENSINGTON PALACE March 30: The Princess Mar garet, Countess of Snowdor President, Invalid Children's Aid Nationwide, this afternoon visited Meath School, Ottershaw, and opened The Princess Margaret

Her Royal Highness was re ceived on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County o Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton). Lady Aird was in attendance.

Dinner

Baroness Phillips
Baroness Phillips was host yesterday at a dinner held at the
House of Lords for the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management. Sir John Cullen, Chairman of the Health and Safety Commission, was the guest speaker.

Service dinner

Royal Marines The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General of the Royal Marines, General of the Royal Marines, presided at the centenary dinner of the Royal Marines Officers' Dinner Club held last night at Lincoln's Inn. Mr Michael Corkery, QC, and the Rev Albert Hempenstall, RN, were among the guests.

Reception

SPARKS Princess Michael of Kent, Royal Patron of SPARKS - Sport Aiding Medical Research for Children, was received by Group Captain Lord Cheshire, VC, OM, life president, and Mr R.E. Hadingham, president, at the annual reception held last night at the Inter-continental Hotel, Park

Appointments

Mrs Elizabeth Janet Silverwood Cope to be a district judge at the Chelmsford group of county courts and the District Registry of the High Court at Chelmsford from June 1.

Mr Hubert Ward, Headmaster of The King's School, Ely, to be Principal-Designate of the English College, a secondary school to be opened in Prague.



Lord and Lady De L'Isle and their son Philip outside Penshurst Place in Kent. Lord De L'Isle is anxious that the house, which is largely unaltered since Elizabethan times, should remain a family home

House shows off medieval splendour

By JOHN YOUNG

PENSHURST Place, near Tonbridge. Kent, one of the greatest medieval houses in Britain, will from tomorrow daily open its doors to the public.

The earliest parts were built in the mid-14th century by Sir John de Pulteney, a wealthy London wool merchant, who was four times Lord Mayor of London, and it is one of the few buildings to have survived largely unaltered since Elizabethan times. Its centrepiece, the Baron's Hall, with its 60 ft

Anniversaries folk tales, Selkirk, 1844; Arthur Griffith, Irish nationalist leader,

BIRTHS: Réne Descartes, philosopher, La Haye, France, 1596; Franz Joseph Haydn, composer, Rohrau, Austria, 1732; Edward Fitzperald, translator of Rubahar of Omar Knayvam, Bredfield, Suffolk, 1809; Nikolai Gogol, novelist, Sorochinsty, Russia, 1809; Robert von Bunsen, chemist, Göttingen, Germany, 1811; Andrew Lang, writer, collector of Henry VIII in great style, in 1519, was repaid two years later by being tried for trea-son and beheaded on Tower

high beamed roof, 40 years older than the Great Hall at

Westminster, has been

described by John Julius Nor-

wich, the architectural histo-

rian, as "one of the grandest

During the 15th and early

l6th century it was owned by the Dukes of Buckingham,

some of whom played leading

parts in the Wars of the Roses

and were depicted in Shake-

speare's historical plays. The

last duke, having entertained

rooms in the world".

DEATHS: John Donne noe dean of St Paul's 1621-31, London, 1631; John Constable, painter, London, 1837; Charlotte Bronte, Haworth, Yorks, 1855; John Pierpont Morgan, financier, Rome, 1913; Emil von Behring, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1901, Marburg, Germany, 1917.

Dublin, 1872.

University news Kent

commercial ventures.

Hill. In 1552 the house was

granted by Edward VI to Sir William Sidney, grandfather

of Sir Philip Sidney, the sol-

dier poet, author of the De-

fence of Poesie, and has

remained in family owner-

Lord De L'Isle who suc-

ceeded to the title and the

ownership on the death last year of his father, the former

Governor-General of Austra-

lia, said that he was deter-

mined to keep it as a family

home in spite of the increas-

ing need to raise money from

"It was my father's proud

ship ever since.

Honorary degrees to be conferred in July Doctor of Civil Law: Neison Mandela; Jacques Attali, banker; André Benard, chairman of Hillbead: Professor António Simões Lopes, university rector, Sir Alistair Morton, chief execpenny of government money for repairs, apart from wartime reparations for the damage done by three flying bombs," he said.

At present the house attracts 100,000 visitors a year and Lord De L'Isle said he was anxious to promote the spectacular gardens which his father had restored since his return from Australia.

The house and gardens are open daily between llam and 6pm from April 1 to October 4, and the gardens only at weekends during March and October.

Resignations and Doctor of Science: Gordon Crighton, engineering director, Transmanche-Link; Professor The Rev Oliver Bloxham, Vican Richard Delanghe, mathematics professor; Professor Wolfgang Paul, physics professor. Balkwell, North Shields (Newcastle): to retire as from 31 May. The Rev John Drew, Rector, Ufford w Bredfield and Hasketon

To be conferred in November Doctor of Literature: Umberto Eco, academic and author. Master of Arts: Peter Williams, for contributions to Canterbury

Forthcoming marriages

Dr J.D. McArthur

Mr N.W.A. Miller

and Miss G.M. Rennie

Mr E.A. Wallendahi

Marriage

Mr P.M. Village and Miss A.H. Wallace

and Miss A.E. Woodhaus

and Miss K. Guthrie

The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Dr

I.M. McArthur and of Dr P.

McArthur, of Salisbury, and

The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Hunter Miller, of

Morningside, Edinburgh, and

Gemma Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.C. Rennie, of Cairnside, Dumfries.

The engagement is announced between Andreas, younger son of

Mr and Mrs Rasmus Wallendahl.

of Osio, Norway, and Andrena. youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Woodhams, of Naples,

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 28, at the Temple Church, London, EC4, of

Temple Church, London, E.C., or Mr Peter Malcolm Village, yourgest son of the late Mr Malcolm Village and of Mrs Margaret Village, to Miss Alison Helen Wallace, daughter of Mr Bert Wallace and the late Mrs Eileen Wallace The Master of the Tem-

Wallace. The Master of the Temple. Canon Joseph Robinson.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rose Village, Henry

Village, Archie Village and Louis Village. Mr Donald Norman was best man.

A reception was held in the

Mr S. Barnes and Miss J. Waine

TONY WHITE

The engagement is announced between Simon, voungest son of Mr and Mrs G.B. Barnes, of Clitheroe, Lancashire, and Kathryn, daughter of the late Mr R.E. Guthrie and of Mrs A.M. Jennifer, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Colin Waine, of Bishop Guthrie, of Auburn, USA. Auckland, County Durham.

Mr J.T.G. Copson and Miss D.M. Nickolas

The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.A. Copson, of Poole, Dorset, and Deirdre, daughter of Mr and Mrs HJ. Nicholas, of West Grimstead. Wiltshire.

Mr M.A. Fahray and Miss R.M. Wood

The engagement is announced between Mark, second son of Dr. and Mrs Albert Fahmy, of Virginia Water, Surrey, and Rosalind, youngest daughter of Mr Andrew Wood and the late Mrs Mary Wood, of Oxford.

Mr A.W. Fortescue and Miss E.D. Lambert

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of the Hon Martin Fortescue and the late Mrs Fortescue, of Wincombe Park, Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Lambert, of The Old Vicarage, South Stainley, North Yorkshire.

Mr T.F. Ingle and Miss S.A. Jones

The engagement is announce younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Ingle, of Amothill, Bedfordshire, and Susan Ann. only daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Jones, of Birkdale, Southport.

The Rev John Walker, Chaplain,

St George's, Ypres and St John, Ghent, Belgium: to be Chaplain, St John, Ghent and Port Chap-

lain. Missions to Seamer

(Europe). The Rev Richard Williams, Rec-

tor, St Crispin, Withington: to be Vicar, St Thomas, Leesfield (Manchester).

(St Edmundsbury and Ipswich):

to retire as from 31 May. The Rev Geoffrey Fraser, Vicar. Uffculine (Exeter): to retire as

Church news

Clergy appointments

Parliament Chamber of the Inner Temple. The honeymoon will be spent in India and Switzerland. Order of Oranje

Nassau

Sir Michael Angus, chairman of Unilever, has been awarded the honour of Commander in the Order of Oranje Nassau in recognition of his services to the development of Anglo-Dutch rela-

Miss Irene Stirling The Rev Peter Youle, Assistant Curate (NSM), Great Totham: to be Priest-in-charge, Copford w Easthorpe and Messing w Inworth (Chelmsford). A memorial mass will be held for Miss Irene Stirling at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Cheyne Row, London, SW3 (off Glebe Place), on Thursday, May

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The British Library

7. at 11.30am.

The Right Hon Lord Young of Graffham gave the sixth British Library Annual Dainton Lecture on "Communications and the New Order" yesterday evening at the Royal Society, London, SW1. Mr David Russon, Director Gen-eral, Boston Spa, presided.

Telephone 071 481 4000

ANNOUNCEMENTS

does not know where he is going. Trust to the light white you have it, so that you may become children of light.

91. John 12: 36.36. (REB) BIRTHS

AL-SAYER - On March 27th al the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Dolla and Bador, a daughter, Dina. BACON - On March 22nd. to Susan and Nico, a son, Thomas Castell a brother for the boys.

BEVAN - On Saturday March

28th, to Joely Richardson and Tim. a daughter. Dalsy weighing Tibs Soz. at the Lindo Wing of St Mary's Hospital. Paddington

27th, lo katy and James, a son. George Richard Douglas.

BROOKE-HITCHING - On March 22nd 1992 at The Royal Berishire Hospital, Reading to Emma (nee Blades) and Franklin. a daughter. Georgia Emma. a sister to Edward, Maithew and william.

ena willem.
CHERSE-PROBERT - On March 22nd, in London, to Helen and Nicholas, a son, Heary Edward. CORRIE - On March 24th 1992 to Laura tries Money-Courts) and Jamie. a son. Joshua Richard. EMO CAPODILISTA - On

SISET IOT CABATERIE THIPPOT FIELD - On March 26th 1992, at home, to Helen toke Briggst and Mark, a son, Maxim Christian Landen, a beautiful brother for Edward

Maxim Christian Landen. a cosutifut brother for Edward.

GODFREY-FAUSSETT On March 28th 1992. at University College Hospital London. to Rachel Inde Baggaleyi and Peter. a son. George Maurice Charles. brother to Thomas.

GOETCHERIAN - On March 28th. at the Humana Hospital Wellington. to Rathi and Jacide. a daughter, Bethany Alice Marie.

BBOTSON - On March 20th. at Truro. to Lesley and Leigh. a son. Ryas Thomas, brother to Delien Cecilia.

JAHFAR - On March 24th 1992. In Bristol. to Sarah (pde Simpson) and Mahdi, a son. Benjamin Dashii. LIGHT - On March 25th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Sarah (nee Lurcott) and Jason, a

LLOVD - On March 26th, to Mandy and Dovid, a daughter, Amy Vanessa. MADRAZO - On March 28th. al the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Jose and Margarita, a daughter,

NEVIN - On March 27th, at home, to Gillian and Paul, a first child, a son, Francis James Richard. OMACHI - On March 26th. at Mari. a daughler. Wakana. PURBRICK - On March 28th.

RICHARDSON See Benan. RUMSEY - On March 19th. In Cambridge. Io Nicolette and Anthony. a son, Oliver James. a brother for Alicla. Camilla and Leonora.

SAMUELSON - On March. 22nd at the Humana Hospillat. 22nd at the Humana Hospita Weilington, to Deborah inée Blackburni and Marc. a daughter. Kate Lucy. SPAYNE - On Docember 10th 1991. to Jame Morpeth and John Spayne. a son. Maithew Morpeth Spayne.

STOTT - On March 19th. at Queen Chariotie's. to Debbie une Turner) and James. a son. Thomas Rhodes. a brother for Emily.

TENNANT - On March 26th 1992. to Sally (née Berner) and Christopher. a daughter. Francesca Rose Antonia.

UNDERWOOD - On March 29th. in Paim Beach. Florida. to Mary and Antony. a daughter. Hersey Isabelia.

WHEATLEY - On March 28th 1992. at Queen Chariotie's. to Chartotie (nee Hoti) and Stephen, a son. Sebastian Felbx.

DEATHS

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ADIE - On Friday March 27th. heacefully after a long timese. Etizabeth Margaret Middleton. Fumeral Service St. Alban's Church Indhead. Surrey. on April 2nd at 11.15 am. Family flowers only but donations approclated in her memory to be sent to King Edward VII Hospital. Midhurst.

ADIE - On Friday March 27th. peacefully after a short liness. Jack Jesson CMC. Order of the Brilliant Star of Zanzibar. sped 78. Widower of Pat and much loved father of Susan. Peter and Jane. The funeral will take place al Pulney Vale Crematorium at 1.30 on Friday April 3rd. No flowers please but donations to Royal Opera House Benevolent Fund. cfo Joyce Riley. Covent Carden. London WCZE 9DD.

BARRON - On March 29th 1992. Timothy, beloved son of John and Ann. or John and Am.

BELHAVEN AND STENTON

On Saturday March 28th.

si Charing Cross Hospital.

Lady Rosemary, mother of

Jane, John, Flona, Philip and Jane, John, Fiona, Phillip and Leora, grandmother of Kinvara. Requiern Mass at Servite Church, Fulham Road, Friday April 3rd at 12pm. Donations, if desired, to the Charing Cross Holday Dialysis Trust c/o Dr. M. Philips, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, London W6. Flowers to Barnes & Son. 112 Devonport Road, With Christ.

BRAIN - On March 28th 1992. Raiph. aged 80, peacefully at the Radcliffe Infirmary. Oxford. Former News Editor of the Oxford Mail and Times, beloved husband of Rosalind and much loved father, father-inlaw and grandfather. Fumeral at Oxford Crematorium on Friday April 3rd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Oxford Talking News for the Blind. Co H. Mycrs. 133 Staumon Road, Headington. Oxford OX3 TIN.

BROWN - On Monday March Oxford OX3 7TN.

BROWN - On Monday March
30th 1992. In hospital in
Edinburgh, Catherine Jane
Brown fretired Nursing
Sision; dauphier of the late
Stephen and Mrs Brown of
Boreland and Glencetho.
Funeral Service in Kirk
O'Field Church, The
Pleasance, Edinburgh, on
Thursday April 2nd at
11.30am, Burlai thereafter
private, Family flowers only.

BROWNE - On March 30th.

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peacefully In Blackheath.
George Waller Wycliffe.
CBE. aged 86, Private
funeral, Enguirles to C.R.
Barradale (071) 242-9251. Barradale (071) 242-9251.

CLOSE-SMITH - On March
26th, in Sloke Mandeville
Spinal Unit. Robert CloseSmith, aged 54 years. Dearly
loved husband of Ena and
father of Charles.
Christopher and Henry.
Funeral Service at St Mary's
Church, Stowe, on Friday
April 3rd at 2.50 pm
followed by private
cremation. Family flowers
only, donations if desired in
aid of Stowe Church and C of
E Children's Society c/o W.J.
Franklin and Son Funerel
Directors. 30 High Street.
Brackley, Northants.

appreciated in her memory to be sent to King Edward VII Hospital. Middhurst.

HAWNES - On March 29th, peacefully, in his 67th year. Christopher. Emeritus Professor of European Archeeology at Oxford, beloved husband of Sonia and father of Nicolas and grandfather of Camilia and Oorinna. Funeral on Friday April 3rd at 98 Cross Church. Oxford. Service at 5 pm. no flowers. Donations it desired to Campaign for Oxford.

HOWARD - On March 27th, peacefully at Capo di Monte, John. widower of Marghandta, father of Lydia and Jonathan and grandfather of Esher. Hannah and Bruno.

HUGHES - On March 29th, at lipswich Hospital. after at lipswich Hospital. after at lipswich Hospital. after at lipswich Hospital. after at 1.45 pm on Friday April 3rd at 31 Mary's Church, Friston. near Saxmundham. Family flowers only please to The Cancer Reifer Macmillan Fund, c/o Tony Brown, The Funeral Saxmundham. Suffolk.

MACKAY - On March 25th
1992. 2t home. Dr. Donald

Saumundham. Suffolk.

MACKAY - On March 26th
1992. 3t home. Dr. Donald
Heiling, aged 60 years, much
loved husband of Belty and
dear lather of Susan.
Elizabeth. Caroline and
Jonathan. Medical Service in
Kenya 1946-1962. Medical
Superintendant Hammersmith Hospital 1962-1974.
Funeral Service to take place
al the Counties
Crematorium. Million
Malsor, Northampton, on
Wednesday April 1st 12.30
pm. Family Rowers only,
donations if desired to the
Salvation Army c/o Ann
Bonham & Son. 71 St Glies
Street, Northampton, NN1
LIF, fet: (0604) 54368.

MITCHELL - See Rowe

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MONK - On Saturday March

28th, peacefully after a short

illness. Wrien, much foved
mother of James, Jonathan
and Jocelyn, Puneral Service
on Monday Aprill 6th at
3,30pm at Culldford
Crematorium.

ciose friends only blesse.

ROSLEY - On March 25th
1992. at St Roch Hospital.
Nice. France. aged 79.
Leonard O.B.E. Beloved
husband of Deirdre and very
deer stepfather to Peter.
Private cremation took place
March 27th. Donations to
Paridneon's Disease Society.

Crematorium.

BNORE - On March 28th, peacefully in hospital after a long tilness borne with unfailing courage and fortitude, David George Sercombe of Skaigh Stables Farm, Belston, Deven, Much lowed husband of Rosemary and father of Sara. Private cremation. Exeter Crematorium, Friday April 3rd. 12.30 pm. Family and close friends only blease.

BNOSLEY - On March 28th

MOVERS - On Saturday March 28th 1992, peacefully at home, William Gerald oped 83, Funeral St Patrick's Church, Cenaes, Anglesey on Wednesdey, Angl. 1st o caurch. Centaes, Anglesey.
on Wednesday April 1st at
2.50 pm. Flowers to John
Hughes and Son, Britannia.
Amicwch Port, Anglesey or
donations to Cancer Relief.
Macmillan Cancer Fund, 1519 Britten Street, London
SW3 3TZ.

MEWBY - On March 23rd.
peacefully at home in
Eastbourne. Elizabeth.
dearty beloved Wife of
William. devoted Mother of
Niget. Elisabeth and Marcus.
loving Mother-in-Law of
Niny and isn and proud
Grandmother of Sarah and
Emma. Our guiding spirit.
she was cherished by all and
will be loved forever by her
family and friends.

MIGHTINGALE - On March 29th 1992, peacefully after bravety fighting a long filmess. Mark John. aged 88. Dearly loved husband of Cina. failter of Sonya and Alison and brother of Tim. Funeral Service at SI Peter's Church. Tandridge. Survey. at 11 sm on Tuesday April 7th. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu. If desired. to Britta Dolan Memorial Cancer Fund. Westmineter Hospital, London SW1P 2AP or Trinity Hospice. Clapham Common, London SW4 ORN.

OURY - On Saturday March
28th 1992, peacefully, Mary
Cecilia, widow of Vivian and
much loved mother of Gerald
and Richard. Requiem Mass
at the Church of the Sacred
Heart. Edge Hill, Winbledon.
SW19. on Monday April 6th
at 11.30 am. followed by
Jamily burfal at Upper Till
Cemetery. Cobham. Surrey.
Flowers to Ashtons, 140
Alexandra Road. Wimbledon
SW19 tel 081 946-1061) or
donations to The Wimbledon
Friends of the Imperial
Cancer Research Fund. 12
Fleur Gates. Princes Way.
London, SW19 6QQ.

PEARSON - On March 27th, peacefully at home, after an iliness patiently borne, Barbara, widow of Thomas and dearly loved and admired mother of Susan, lan and Andrew Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Billingshurst, at 11 am Friday April 3rd, followed by private cremation at Worthing, Family flowers only, Any donations in memory to The Busga Trust, St Maryaret's Church, Eastcheap, London EC3M 1MS.

PEARSON - On March 29th, peacefully, Sarah Diana, aged 74. Widow of Pat. Jornetty of Oakwood Hill and Balcombe, heloved mother of Christopher, Dana and Hilary, loved grandmother of their children. Cremation in Hull, memorial service in Sussex to follow. No flowers, if desired donations to Marie Cancer Care) Nursing Service. Health Centre, George Street, Pocklington, York YO4 2DR.

POLLARD - On March 29th 1992, suddenly and peacefully at home. Elyme Frances (ade Tu(nell), aged 95. Cremation private. Donations if desired to RSPB. Sandy. Beds. Enquiries to Simmonds. Church. Smiles. (071) 242-9971.

DEATHS

WHILLIAMS - On March 30th.

peocentily at Porthrawl. J. Emilyn. aged 96 years. Now reunited with his wife Otwen. who died on December 21st 1991. and mourned by his daughter Joan and all his family.

IN MEMORIAM -

HAM - Ros. 31st March 1984.

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APPEARS

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VOISEY - On March 27th, peacefully in Sevenoalts. Hazel Much loved by all her family. Funeral Service on Thursday April 2nd. Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 11 am. Family flowers. Donations to Abbeylied Society. S & D Ltd.. c/o Barchays Bank. High Street. Sevenoalts. Wilkingson - On March 28th 1992. suddenly in hospital in London. Norman, aged 71 years. of Spain, forteerly of Bidey. Dearly loved husband of Katie, father of Pamels and Jeremy. grandes of Justina, Alexander. Jake, Jack and Jeremy. grandes for Justina, Alexander. Jake, Jack and Huse. Funeral Service at Nathurson Despital Stagner Trust. c/o Dr. Douglas Chamberisis C.B.E. Cardiac Department. Royal Sussex County Hospital. Sciphion BN2 58E.
Williams - On March 27th 1992. peacefully at Royal Star and Garter Home. Wing Commander Hubert John. aged 89 years. Funeral Service at Mortiake Crematorium at 1 pm on Thursday April 2nd. Family flowers only. Donathors apprecisied to Royal Star and Garter Home. Richmond.
Williams - On March 30th, peecefully at Porthaswill. PULLINGER - On March
27th, Jacqueline, dear wife
of Alan. beloved stand-in
mother to Care and Robert.
Anthony and Henrietta and
grandmere to eight and a half
children. Thanksgiving
Service at The Sacred Heart
Church. Park Street.
Berkhamsted, 2.30 pm on
Tuesday May 5th 1992.
Flowers will be arranged by
the team Jacqueline created,
so do not send them. instead,
if you wish, send donations
to Canoer Research
Campaign. at 21 Cowper
Road, Berthamsted, which
she also served.

ROWE MITCHELL - On Sunday March 29th 1992, quietly at Hugh & Anna's home in Chichester, Doranna Richmond. Wife for 49 eventful years of David, mother of Peter and Anna, grandmother of David mother of Peter and Anna-grandmother of Darryi. Brendon and Amanda. A friend to many others, her living had not been in vain. No Bowers but tokens of esteem could be sent to St Wilfrid's Hospice. Chichester. Information from While's 0243-782136.

SLACK - On March 29th
1992. Ronald Glenville.
1992. Ronald Standard of France.
1992. Ronald Standard Standard Arnside.
1993. Service will lake place at St. James'
Church. Arnside. on Friday
April 3rd 1992 at 1.15 pm
followed by interment.
Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Arnside
Branch R.N.L. C/o
Fishwicks Puneral Service.
17 Park Road, Milinthorpe.
1et: (05395) 63108.

STAHELIN - On March 28th
1992. suddenly at home at
Norton. Slockton-on-Tees.
Clevetand. John. dearly
loved husband of Elizabeth,
dearest failure of Janel and
Peter and grandfather of
Alexander and Henry.
Service in St Marry's Church.
Norton. on Thursday April
2nd at 5 pm prior to private
cremation at Teesside
Cramatorium. Family
flowers only please, donations in lieu, if desired, may
be sent to "The Teesside
Industrial Micsion". c/o
Crake and Mailon Funeral
Service. 45 Norton Road.
Stockton-on-Tees. TS18
1BU. tel: (0542) 611716

TYLER - On March 28th 1992. Suddenly. Air Commodore Bryning Tyler CBE. Dearest husband of Diana, devoted father of Cill and Marrien and father of Gill and Marien and loving grandiather of Amy and Beth. Funeral Service on Tuesday April 7th at St. Mary's Church. Amport ur. Andoveri at 2 pm followed by cremation. Family Rowers only but donations in his memory will be greatly appreciated for the RAF Benevolent Fund. c/o Haicrow and Sons Funeral Otrectors. 6A Bridge Street. Andover. Hants. SP10 18H. let: (0264) 336266.

VALLS - On March 30th 1992, Rafaet Francisco José L.V.O. at his home in Hurley. Berks. Dearest husband of Diana, father of Rafaet and Juan and grandfather of Alexander. Funeral St Mary the Virgin. Hurley, Saturday April 4th 2.30 pm. Flowers to Sawyer Funeral Service, Marlow. A memorial service will be held in London at a later date.

LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES NOTICE OF CREDITORS' **MEETING UNDER SECTION 48 (2)** OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 Company Name: Forwell Design & Contracts Pic Registered in England Company Number: 1421219

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Principal Place of Business: Tudor House. Kingsway Business
Park, Chiffeld Road, Hampion. Middlesser TW12 24E.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the
Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of Forwell
Design & Contracts Pic will be held at the offices of Cork
Gully, Shelley House. 3 Noble Street. London ECZV 7DQ on
Monday 13 April 1992 at 10.00am for the purpose of having
laid before the meeting in copy of the report prepared by the
Joint Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said
Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fil. establish a committee to
exercise the functions confarred on Creditors' Committees by
or under the said Act.
Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
(a) they have delivered to me at the address shown below, no
later than noon on 10 April 1992, written details of the debts
they claim to be due to them from the company, and the cleim
has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 5.11 of
the Insolvency Rules 1986; and
(b) there has been lodged with me any proxy which the
creditor Intends to be used on his or her behalf.
Notes:

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Notes:

(1) The original proxy signed by or on behalf of the creditor must be lodged at the address mentioned; hotocopies (including faxed copies) are not acceptable.

(2) Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

25 March 1992

TR Harris

Joint Administrative Receiver

Joint Administrative Receiver
Forwell Design & Contracts Pic
Shelley House 3 Noble Street, Loadon ECZV 7DQ.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GEVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1966, that a meeting of creditors of Ferndale Contracts Limited will be held at the offices of Cork Gully. Shelley House. 3 Noble Street. London ECZY TDQ on Monday. 13 April 1992 at 10.00am for the purpose of having laid before the meeting a copy of the report prepared by the Joint Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may. If it thinks file, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred to Creditors Committees by or under the said Act.

Creditors are only entitled to vote if:

(a) they have delivered to me at the address shown below, no later than noon on 10 April 1992, written details of the debte they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the insolvents; Rules 1986; and

(b) there has been lodged with me any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his or her behalf.

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(2) Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

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25 March 1992

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International Aeradio Limited Aeradio House Hayes Road Southall Middlesex UB2 5NJ Registration No. 427272

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:

(1) The above-named company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by

of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase.

(2) The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £8,500,000 and the resolution approving such payment out of capital was passed on 25th March 1992.

(3) The statutory declaration of the directors' and the auditors' report required by section 173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the company's registered office at Aaradio House. Hayes Road, Southall, Middlesex U82 5NJ.

(4) Any creditor of the company hay all any time within the five weeks immediately following 25th March 1992 apply to the court under section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiling the payment.

J.S. Ailkins (Director) For and on behalf of International Aeradio Limited

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(c) Pertaining to wild, irregular, elaborate, or unrestrained poetry, as supposed to have been written by the sublime Greek lyric poet, Pindar: "He may use the benefit of the Pindaric way, where the numbers vary, and the rhyan is disposed carclessly."

RANTIPOLE

GRUMMELS

RANTIPULE

(a) Wild, disorderly, rakish, perhaps a fanciful formation from rant: "Notwithstanding this rantipole thetoric, it is not true that the North of England is superior in population or property to the South."

(a) Mud, dregs, sediment, literally and figuratively, cf. Swedish in the same sense: "The grammels and used of their impationee and discontent beginneth to appear." **GOBBETS** (c) Pieces of raw flesh, from the OF gobet diminusive of sol: "Put in good thick gobbets of well fed beef, also like gobbets of the best matter."

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OBITUARIES

MICHAEL LEES

Michael Lees, SOE officer and Serbophile, died at Milton Abbas on March 23 aged 70. He was born at Lytchett Minster, Dorset, on May 17, 1921.

MICHAEL Lees went directly from school into the second world war and the rest of his life was to be determined by the experience. He came of a Dorset landed family with a military tradition. He was the grandson of Sir Elliott Lees, Bt, a former MP for Oldham. His own father's career was cut short by premature death on service in Nigeria, and he was brought up by his mother, a Yorkshire Raddiffe.

After education at Ampleforth Michael Lees joined the Dorset Yeomanry and in India transferred to a parachute battalion which was then sent to the Middle East. In Cairo he heard about the Special Operations Executive and wangled himself into that organisation with its promise of exotic and unregimented action. In June 1943, at the age of 22, he parachuted into Yugoslavia as leader of a mission to the Chemik guerrillas commanded by General Mihailovic. He was meant to replace an SOE officer captured by the Bulgarians, who occupied much of Serbia on behalf of the Germans. Within 48 hours of landing his mission was almost wiped out by Bulgarians who savagely murdered some of his men as they lay wounded.

Lees's force was reconstituted and *ardered to attack the Nis-Salonika railway, a vital German link. At this time Mihailovic's commanders were under orders not to undertake actions which might result in further heavy reprisals against Serb civil-ians but to await the day of a national rising. Despite this, Lees persuaded the commanders in his area to support him in blowing up two long sections of the line, and in

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the derailment of six trains. Lees was then hampered by the failure of SOE to drop him the supplies he needed. Britain had decided to withdraw support from Mihailovic and switch it entirely to Tito's Partisans. It was an action which Michael Lees criticised bitterly. In December 1943 he was



ordered to suspend operations and pull out with all his tellow officers from the Mihailovic operation. SOE did not want him in Yugoslavia any longer. But it was to be five nerve wracking months before most of them were evacuated.

At SOE headquarters in Italy Lees met Gwen Johnson, a FANY officer. and two months later married her in Bari cathedral. After the honeymoon he parachuted into Piedmont to join Italian guerrillas. After seeing some brisk action he was asked to escort two delegates from the Piedmontese liberation committee with an urgent report for the allies. Air pickup was impossible so Lees set out to lead the party into France over the Maritime Alps and across the line where Germans were fighting Americans. On the way he wiped out a German artillery post, and nearly stumbled into a minefield. But he got the delegates safely into allied territory - and out to

In January 1945 Lees parachuted on his third mission — to an Italian of his next book, The Rape of guerrilla division in the Appennine Serbia: The British Role in Tito's

For the next two months he helped to prepare the division for the spring offensive, fighting off German and Italian fascist attempts to destroy it. in March he planned and led an attack on a German army corps HQ in a villa at Albinea. For this his Italians were joined by an SAS detachment commanded by Major Roy Farran, complete with piper. The attack was successful but Lees was brought down by four bullets on the staircase of the villa. Severely wounded and unable to walk, he was hidden for several days in a barn before the Italians could get him back into guerrilla territory, using an ox-drawn manure cart with a false bottom. He was picked up from a mountain terrace by an Italian pilot in a captured Storch spotterplane and finally brought to a Brit-ish hospital in Naples.

mountains west of Reggio Emilia.

Lees was twice recommended for the DSO and once for the MC, but no award was made, nor was he promoted major. A series of operations failed to restore a severed sciatic nerve, and for the rest of his life he suffered disability and pain. He went into business and became managing director of an international company in London, but in 1971 his disability forced him into early retirement. He then took up cattle and fruit farming in Ireland.

In 1950, during one of his recurrent spells in hospital, Lees had written an account of his SOE missions and in 1986 it was published as Special Operations Executed. Researching to check details, he consulted SOE files in the Public Record Office and was so incensed by what he found about Yugoslavia that he embarked on what became his last mission. Like many of the liaison officers with the Chetnik Serbs he had always felt that they had been unfairly treated, and that Mihailovic had been first let down, then abandoned in favour of Tito, and finally branded as a traitor by the British.

Lees now believed he had documentary evidence which proved how this came about. It formed the basis

Grab for Power. Its thesis is that Tito was able to seize power and impose communism on Yugoslavia for 45 years because of the British support he was given. Lees also argued that Churchili was persuaded into giving that support on the basis of one-sided information. The main sufferers under Tito were the Serbs who had remained loyal to their king and to the allies until the Chemiks were crushed and Mihailovic was executed. Because it involved the overturning of an account of history that had held official sway for 40 years, and called into question the judgment of certain British protagonists, no British publisher would accept the book. It was published in America in 1990.

The book was translated and published in Yugoslavia and became a best-seller. On a promotional tour Lees was feted by grateful Serbs of all ages — from veteran Chetniks to young anti-communists who still see in Mihailovic a martyr-hero to inspire them in their struggle against the Milosevic hardliners. With Yugoslavia locked once more in civil strife, Lees took his stand unquestioningly alongside the Serbs, whom he feared were about to be let down again by the British. Virtually single-handed he set out to redress the general partiality of the British media for the Croats. He began a campaign of letters to the press. to government ministers and officials: he addressed meetings in Canada and in Britain, and helped to orga-

nise a lobby at Westminster. Although his health was deteriorating Lees went to the Serb enclave of Krajina to visit the front together with his wife Gwen. In the past two months he had appeared in four BBC television programmes, two to plead the case for the Serbs in the current crisis, and two to put across his view of how Tito bamboozled Churchill.

Lees spent the day he died at his desk intent on his crusade. He had brought to it the great force of personality, the single-mindedness and the courage which had characterised his life. It is not given to many men to die happy in fighting a cause first embraced in youth.

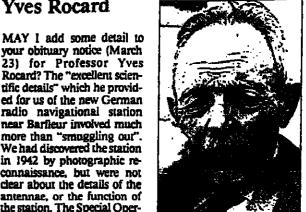
APPRECIATIONS

Yves Rocard

23) for Professor Yves Rocard? The "excellent scientific details" which he provided for us of the new German radio navigational station near Barfleur involved much more than "smuggling out". We had discovered the station in 1942 by photographic reconnaissance, but were not clear about the details of the antennae, or the function of the station. The Special Operations Executive was looking for promising targets for sabotage, and I suggested the station as a possible candi-date. SOE therefore arranged for a preliminary ground reconnaissance by one of the French Resistance networks; and when the agent's report came to us, it was outstanding in its competence and mastery of technical detail. The agent had studied the station at close range and obvious personal risk; and so good was his report that I told SOE that I could not justify any lives being risked in such a raid as we had earlier carried out at Bruneval.

The enthusiasm of SOE had, however, been raised so much that some of its officers thought that I would enjoy meeting the agent so they brought him to London by clandestine airlift.

The agent was Yves Rocard, who while in London hoped to acquire some electronic equipment to investigate the transmissions from the station; but although it was a privilege to meet such a gallant man, it would have been better to leave him in France for further work. SOE intended to return him to Paris within a few days, so that his absence would not be noticed, but the necessary airlift could not be arranged in time, and so Rocard had to stay out of France for the rest of the war. In London, he quickly found tasks to do with the Free French forces, and by 1944 was Director of Scientific Research with the Free French Navy.



In 1945 when the German cryptographers had fled from their headquarters in Treuenbritzen, they were discovered in the Free French zone of Germany, where our colleagues in Bletchley would have liked to interrogate them. Official representations for permission to enter the French zone were declined, perhaps because the French wished to establish their authority.

When Bletchley told me about this obstacle, I asked Rocard for help. Within 24 hours he returned saying that the way was now clear for the Bletchley officers to go into the French zone and interrogate their German counter-parts. The French would not ask even to be present, and the only request they would make was that if we discovered anything that affected the security of France, would

we please let them know. After the war Rocard returned to physics and engineering, where his contributions included the vibrational stability of railway locomotives, aircraft wings and suspension bridges, and aspects of the French atomic bomb programmes. He was the first recipient of the Holweck Prize awarded alternately to French and British physicists, and his name was given to a submarine volcano discovered in the Pacific. Always mindful of the honour of France, he was as staunch a friend as Britain ever had.

R. V. Jones

PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER HAWKES

Christopher Hawkes, professor of European archae-ology in the University of Oxford and fellow of Keble

College from 1946 to 1972, died on March 29 aged 86. He was born on June 5, 1905.

CHRISTOPHER Hawkes was a pioneer in the study of the prehistory of Britain and Europe. Starting from the excavation and study of iron age sites in this country he that era and of those preceding it to provide a comprehensive survey of the prehistory of the British Isles over a period of more than 2.000 years down to the Roman invasion and occupation. His work also provided unique insight into the nature of European barbarian communities and his reputation stood high on the Continent.

Charles Francis Christo-pher Hawkes was educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford, where he read Greats and graduated in 1928. In the same year he was appointed to a post in the department of British and medieval antiquities in the British Museum and began his formal career as a prehistorian, although already in 1925-28 he and other Wykehamists (including J. N. L. Myres, later to be

Bodley's librarian) had undertaken a notable campaign of excavation on the prehistoric and medieval sites on St Catherine's Hill, Winchester. Hawkes continued as assistant keeper in the department until the second world war when he took up duties with the Ministry of Aircraft Pro-

He returned to the British Museum at the end of the war and in 1946 was appointed as the first holder of the chair Oxford, and was elected a fellow of Keble College. He retired from the chair in 1972. He was elected a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1932 and of the British Academy in 1948. He was a corresponding member of the German Archaeological Institute and a member of the Conseil Permanent of the International Congress of Preand Protohistoric Sciences, and from 1950 to 1953 was president of the Prehistoric Society. He received an honorary doctorate from the University of Rennes in 1971 in recognition of his services to Celtic scholarship, and in 1981 was awarded the Gold Medal of the Society of Antiquaries in London.

one of the first of the scholars

don Childe, founded in the late 1920s and early 1930s international prehistory as a discipline in Britain. The climate of archaeological thought after the first world war was provincial and limited, but in the astonishingly precocious study of the pre-historic problems involved in the study of the St Catherine's Hill Iron Age hill fort, we can see how Hawkes, at the very outset of his career, foreshadowed what was to be his main

European prehistory. On the one hand, the standard of excavation, and of its presentation and publication, was markedly in advance of most contemporary work: Hawkes's skill in the field continued to be shown by a series of excavations logically related to the beginnings at Winchester, and on the other, the problems of the early Iron Age in Britain were for the first time studied against their Continental background. His work at Colchester with M. R. Hull magnificently illuminated the last phase of prehistoric Brit-This phase of prehistory

the European late Bronze Age and early Iron Age — contin-ued to engross Hawkes Christopher Hawkes was throughout his working life, in this country who, like Gorand his most notable contri-

butions to the elucidation of these very complex and formative periods are a tribute to his consistent research in these fields. Among his last publications were studies of the voyage of Pytheas and of Caesar's invasion of Britain.

Curiously enough, his main published work. The Prehistoric Foundations of Europe, published in 1940, covers a chronological field ending in the middle of the second millennium BC and his fundaon later periods was presented in a series of papers in learned journals. He was always fascinated by the interaction of higher and lower civilizations, and as a classics scholar he was able to study the barbarian European communities with which a prehistorian has to deal with an insight and breadth of vision which was illuminat-

ing and rewarding.
Any study of the Iron Age culture presupposes an un-derstanding of those of the preceding Bronze Age, and the essential structure of the prehistory of the British Isles from the middle of the second millennium B.C., up to (and during) the Roman Occupation was worked out by Hawkes. All subsequent thinking on this period has inevitably to be based on the sound foundations he built. In connection with the study of bronze implements he was quick to recognise the necessity of archaeological evidence being assembled in accessible corpus form, and he campaigned valiantly for this essential documentation of our source material at a time when all too few scholars

appreciated the importance of such an approach. His work with the international Inventaria Archaeologica seand his interest in the appli-cation of scientific techniques to archaeological material re-sulted in the foundation of the Research Laboratory for Archaeology and the History of Art at Oxford.
Hawkes also made pro-

foundly important contributions to the whole question of archaeological theory and the nature of archaeological evi-dence. His insistence that the limitations of such evidence must be frankly admitted in any process of inference and reconstruction of non-historic cultures was a salutary corrective to a tendency in certain quarters to over-estimate the amount of information on social structure and institutions that could be obtained by archaeological means alone. He was also concerned

with the problems of cultural

change in prehistory in relation to the alternatives of indigenous development or outside stimuli, particularly in the instance of the Celtic tradition in Europe and the British Isles. He had a keen sense of the continuity of prehistory and early history in Europe, and a mastery of both fields of study in a tradition of scholarship now rare.

Hawkes was shy, and to those who did not know him well could give the impression of a scholar unapproachable because of his vast erudition. His friends, and colleagues and students knew that behind the massive learning there was his warm and generous personality, a sense of humour and a love of parody. even if sometimes masked by the intense application to an intellectual ideal that his scholastic integrity

demanded. Hawkes was twice married. first, in 1933, to Jacquetta Gowland Hopkins (the author Jacquetta Hawkes, with whom he wrote one of his books). The marriage was dissolved in 1953 and she subsequently married J. B. Priestley. Hawkes married secondly in 1959 Sonia Chadwick who survives him. There was a son of his first

Giulini's recording of Figuro

and took the title role in the

Jack Kelsey

YOUR comprehensive and sensitive obituary (March 23) on Jack Kelsey will be sincerely appreciated by all Arsenal supporters who had the fortune and honour to have seen him play. My recurring memory of those teenage years of the 1950s is of standing at Highbury whilst Jack, virtually singlehandedly at times, kept Arsenal in the First Division.

lowing Sunday, which featured Arsenal-Leeds, sadly managed only a single mention - the explanation of why the Arsenal team wore black armbands. What a pity they could not find time for some archive clips.

In an era when one dub loyalty is no longer a feature of players, only fans, hopefully one of the TV companies



will fill the gap. The fond memories of Goaly Jack remind one of why football continues to have such a hold on us despite the current commericality threatening continually to destroy it.

Howard Lamb

March 31 ON THIS DAY 1836

Runnymede was the eudonym of Disraeli, who took advantage of the anonymity to attack in a series of articles in The Times prominent figures in the government, notably Lord Melbourne. "You have a surprising disdain for the law of libel," wrote a worried editor, Barnes, to the author,

and after another article attacking Melbourne, ublished two months later. the feature was discontinued.

TO VISCOUNT MELBOURNE **LETTER XV**

My Lord, - I always experience peculiar gratification in addressing your Lordship, your Lordship is such a general favourite. I have read somewhere of "the best-natured man with the worst-natured muse." I have always deemed your Lordship the best-natured Minister with the worstnatured party. And, really, if vou have sometimes a little lost your temper - if for those Epicurean shrugs of the shoul-der and nil admirari smiles, which were once your winning characteristics, you have occasionally of late substituted a little of the Cambyses' vein, and demeaned yourself as if you were practising "Pistol" for the next private theatricals at Pansanger, very extenuating circumstances may, I think, be found in the heterogeneous and Hudibrastic elements of that party which Fate, in a freak of fun has called upon your Lordship to regulate. What a crew! I can compare them to nothing but the Swalbach swine in the Brunnen bubbles, guzzling and grunting in a bed of mire. fouling themselves, and bedaubing every luckless pas-senger with their contaminat-

ing filth. We are all now going into the country, and you and your colleagues are about to escape tor a season from wait your Lordship delicately terms the "badgering" of Parliament. I trust you will find the relaxation renovating. How you will recreate yourselves we shall be curious to learn. I think the Cabinat wight to be wished. Cabinet might take to cricket — they are a choice eleven. With their peculiarly patriotic temperaments, and highly nat-ional feelings, they might ven-ture, I think, to play against

"all England".

My Lord, they say, you know, when things are the worst, they generally mend. On this principle our affairs may really be considered highly promising. The state of Spain demonstrates the sagacity of our Foreign Secretary. The country is divided into two great parties; we have contrived to interfere without supporting either, but have lavished our treasure and our blood in treasure and our blood in upholding a Camarilla. Can-ada is in a state of rebellion. and therefore after Easter we may perhaps find loyalty and peace predominant. But what is Spanish anarchy or Canadian rebellion, the broils of Jamaica or the impending catastrophe of Hindostan when Ireland is tranquil? And who can doubt the tranquillity of Ireland? And yet, my Lord. though Ireland is tranquil, and though the Papists, in their attempts on the lives of their rivals, seem of late charitably to have substituted perjury for massacre, I fancy I mark a cloud upon your triumphant brow at my mention of that land. Be of good cheer, my Lord; and if you cannot be bold, at least be reckless. My Lord, buffconery after a

while wearies; put an end, I beseech you, to the farce of your Government, and consent that you and your colleagues should be substituted in their stead. Nay, I wish not to be harsh: my nature is not vindictive. I would condemn you to no severer solitude than the gardens of Hampton-court, where you might saunter away the remaining years of your now ludicrous existence, sipping the last novel of Paul de Koek, while lounging over a sun-dial.

JOHN ROBERTSON

looking, had an imposing

John Ross Robertson, promotions director for Beaverbrook Newspapers. died at his home near Malaga, Spain, on March 22 aged 67. He was born in London on March 30,

JOHN Robertson spent most of his working life on the management side of Beaverbrook Newspapers, following in the footsteps of his father, E. J. Robertson, who ran the whole operation during its greatest years. Even so Robertson had to fight hard to progress up the management ladder. The old family connection meant rather less than Lord Beaverbrook's absolute control and he showed little interest in EI's son.

Perhaps the Beaver listened too readily to some of his older cronies, who were quick to suggest that Robertson did not possess in full measure the talents needed to keep the business in equilibrium between a rasping Canadian voice on the telephone and the realities of the day-to-day newspaper production. But John Robertson succeeded.

"JR", as he became widely known once television bought. the Ewing family into every home, had certain superficial similarities to the central character of Dallas. He was always immaculately dressed and enjoyed his off-duty life in the fast lane. He was good

presence and was attractive to women. He was intelligent with a quick brain, but he was not at his best in arguing his corner. Nor did he find it easy on grounds of conscience or temperament to conduct industrial relations in the approved manner of the 1970s. which was no more than a controlled retreat before the industrial guerrillas of the

print unions who called all

the shots. To his many loyal friends John Robertson remained a gregarious and amusing bon vivant. But a succession of savage setbacks in his private and professional life left their mark. He parted from Beaverbrook Newspapers in the late 1970s, abruptly and unhappily. And for a time he found it difficult to face the future with confidence or cheerfulness.

Born in London he attended Hawtrey's preparatory before going to Stowe in 1937. He claimed that the choice was made for him after the Daily Express printed a story which so incensed the authorities at Eton that they withdrew the place which had been reserved for him at birth. At Stowe he became a prefect, popular, notably bright, an urbane and polished young man who cut a dash with an illegal motor car parked in a nearby barn

which broadened the scope

of his extra-curricular activ-

In 1942 he volunteered for aircrew in the RAF through the Oxford University Air Squadron. A natural pilot, he was soon selected to be a flying instructor in Canada. Demobilised as a flight lieutenant in 1947, he returned to Christ Church, Oxford, to complete his degree course.

He then became a management trainee in Beaverbrook Newspapers. After a spell in the Manchester office he returned to the Evening Standard in London. He will best be remembered for the many years he spent as publicity and promotions manager to the Beaverbrook Group during an era when it set the pace with such prestigious events as the Cowes-Torquay Offshore Powerboat Race, the Express Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham, Formula 1 racing at Silverstone and many other one-off sporting events with stylish

promotions. He was a proficient sailor and navigator, racing and cruising from Cowes for many years, mostly in his own 32ft cruiser-racer. He was a member of the Royal Ocean Racing Club and was a rear commodore of the Royal London Yacht Club. For the last decade he lived in retirement in Spain. He is survived by a son, a daughter and his wife Hedda.

EBERHARD WAECHTER Eberhard Waechter, Viennese baritone and artistic director of Vienna State Opera, died while walking in the Vienna Woods on March 29 aged 62. He was

born in Vienna on July 9, 1929. EBERHARD Waechter was one of the most colourful personalities on the opera scene both off and on the stage. Initially a baritone of formidable voice and presence, he latterly became a shrewd interpreter of the some of the. operatic characters dearest to

the Viennese heart and reached a wider audience as a genial host of television shows. Finally he attained the dizzy but uncertain height of artistic director at his beloved Vienna State Opera, having been involved in the machinations that ousted Claudio Abbado from the post.

There was more than a touch of xenophobia and Vienna for the Viennese in all this. Waechter represented a widely held local view that nothing at the State Opera is right unless a local is in charge. Besides he had the ultra-conservative public on his side in opposing outrageous stagings and too many foreign artists. In any case the house seemed destined, under his direction, to a period of retrenchment based on the old ensemble/repertory system that Abbado had



Waechter studied in Vienha at the Music Academy and made his debut at the Volksoper in 1953 as Silvio in Pagliacci. Two years later he was called to the State Opera where he remained for the rest of his career singing all the roles in Mozart, Verdi and Wagner, among others, suited to his predominately lyrical baritone. Later he moved to parts requiring more dramatic power. He became a star in his Mozart roles at the Salzburg festival in the 1950s and then appeared successfully at the Bayreuth festival as Wolfram, Amfortas and Kurwenal. Meanwhile Walter Legge quickly garnered him for his house ensemble at EMI. He

was Count Almaviva in

same conductor's set of Don Giovanni. Then he was the Count in the classic recording of Richard Strauss's Capric cio. Waechter first appeared at Covent Garden at Count Almaviva in 1956, returning for Renato in Un ballo in maschera in 1959, the year he also sang Amfortas in the house. Latterly his jovial presence could be encountered as Eisenstein in Carlos Kleiber's video of Die Fledermaus made a year or two back in Munich. Danilo in The Merny Widow was another favourite role of his. In the late 1950s and early 1960s he made some fine records of Lieder, among them a much admired Dichterliebe that has recently reappeared on

In its prime Waechter's voice was a virile, velvety instrument. He sang with a secure line and a sure sense of the style required for whatever composer he was interpreting. His strong presence on stage and a gift for acting ensured that he was for many years the darling of the Vienna public and it was in his native city that he usually gave of his best. He could often be seen engaged in lively conversation within the environs of the State Opera, a jovial, argumentative figure wholly devoted to opera and

All change at Althorp as heir takes over

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE new Earl Spencer now faces the daunting prospect of running his ancestral home, Althorp, in highly adverse economic conditions.

Lord Shelburne, chairman of the Historic Houses Association, said yesterday all stately home owners faced the dilemma of having to sell off heirlooms when the books would not balance; income from estate agriculture had halved in the past decade.

Earl Spencer will no doubt be in favour of proposals the association will put to the government after April 9 zero VAT rating for all repairs to listed buildings, and no income tax or capital gains tax on maintenance funds endowed by stately home owners to keep their houses in order.

Pay your £2.95, take the tour of Althorp, and you will find, quite apart from the Van Dycks sold off amid much protest and dismay, another significant omission from one of Europe's biggest private art collections. Among the endless and faintly dreary acreage of Spencers past, there is not one portrait of the Hon Frances Roche, first wife of the eighth earl who died on Sunday. After their divorce in 1969, she became an "unperson" at the family seat, and every representation of her was removed.

The same fate may await Raine, the second Countess Spencer, whose somewhat chocolate-box likeness has hung amid the ancient family oils in the main hall these few years past. The reign of Raine is ended, and an acrimonious chapter in Spencer

family history is closed.

Charles Althorp, since Sunday night the ninth Earl Spencer, made it quite clear yesterday that, while continuing with his job as a Granada Television journalist, he would move into the Northamptonshire family home with his wife and year-old daughter and assume full responsibility for its running. The new chatelaine, married in 1989, is the former Victoria Lockwood from Barnes, daughter of the personnel director of the Civil Aviation Authority.

The new Earl Spencer has made no secret of his alarm at the way his stepmother has disposed of some of the family treasures. As she becomes dowager countess on the death of her husband, Raine Spencer loses all lish custom of primogeniture reigns supreme. Raine Spencer will live at the family's



Financial burden: a £2 million face-lift in 1982 of Althorp, the Spencer family seat in Northamptonshire, now home of the ninth earl, caused family differences



Raine, Countess Spencer, yesterday



Althorp's new master: the ninth Earl Spencer and his wife

London home in Mayfair, Experts believe that, had though she could, if she wished, retreat to one of three Bognor Regis houses she and Earl Spencer

Earl Spencer disclosed last year that when he inherited Althorp, on the death of his father in 1975, he also inherited death duties of £1.5 million and a debt on the estate of £2 million. Art sources estimate that the sale of paintings, furniture and artifacts in succeeding years raised about £3 million.

he had one large countryhouse auction, he could have raised several times that amount. Examples abound. He sold Salvator Rosa's The Witches' Sabbath to a dealer in 1982 for £50,000; two years later it was bought by the National Gallery for £350,000. Earl Spencer steered clear of major auction houses, but was often

owner is allowed to visit another free of charge. Much of the money raised from sales was used to fiseen about Bond Street and nance a £2 million redecoraits private dealers, apparently to avoid the controversy under the direction of Raine and publicity that sale of Spencer, a former chairman

auction would attract.

membership, because she

mal reciprocal arrangement

of the GLC historic buildings family treasures at public board. Her colour scheme. making liberal use of gold The HHA did not much and white paint, raised care for the Countess Spencer; they withdrew Althorn's squeals of horror in some

would not agree to the northe differences between whereby one stately home Charles Althorp and his father and stepmother became embarassingly public. Marketing copies of the princess's wedding dress in Japan and allowing the a Japanese golf club did not

thundery showers although there might be the occasional bright

spell in between. Showers over Northern Ireland will turn to longer periods of rain during the afternoon. Scotland will be mostly dry at first with only patchy rain or sleet. This will soon be replaced with

Raine's reign: the eighth earl and his second wife

quarters. The sales continued, and Catholic.

Princess back home

the Spencers' Mayfair home in London. Now styled Raine, Countess Spencer, she paid a brief visit yesterday to the Farm Street Church of the Immaculate Conception, near her London home, and spent some time in prayer. The church is

In spite of an often difficult

and frequently well-publi-cised relationship with her four stepchildren, the dowager countess yesterday praised the new earl, saying he had been "a great com-fort, making all sorts of ar-rangements". Dressed in a full-length fur-trimmed black coat, she was driven away afterwards in her Rolls-

Diary, page 14

Algerians flee to **Britain**

problem of detection is made harder because there are millions of legitimate French nationals of North African origin.

Anglo-French consultations have taken place and a strengthening of detection measures at British ports is expected. "All we can do is to make sure we catch these people and put them straight on a plane home," a British official said.

One diplomat added: "The main reason the Algerians are trying to get into Britain now is economic. In a way, it is understandable as they can earn more in Britain in a week than they could here in months, plus there is nothing here for them to buy."

Tewfik, a surly youth aged 18 in Algiers' teeming profundamentalist quarter of Bab-el-Oued, said: "If you could get there, England is better than France because you do not have people like (Jean-Marie) le Pen stirring up hatred against the Arabs.

The growth of European anti-immigrant parties is well known even in remoter corners of Algeria because an estimated seven million people have access to the sat-ellite dishes now beaming in Western television stations round the clock.

New theory on the Bard

Continued from page 1

computerised image analysis to arrive at her conclusions. "You could take the two portraits, scale them down to the same size on a Xerox machine, and lay them on top of each other and see for yourself," Dr Schwartz said. Only the beard, jaw lines and forehead differ, which Dr Schwartz attributes to an attempt by the engraver to hide the secret by adding masculine features to the Queen's

The findings have prompted Dr Dressler, who is planning to publish her paper soon, to reassess her theories on the authorship of the Shakespeare plays. She now believes that the computer evidence, hints in the writings of Jonson, the style of the poem When I Was Fair And Young, which is signed with the name of the Queen and the Earl of Oxford, indicates that either Oxford or Oxford been behind the works.

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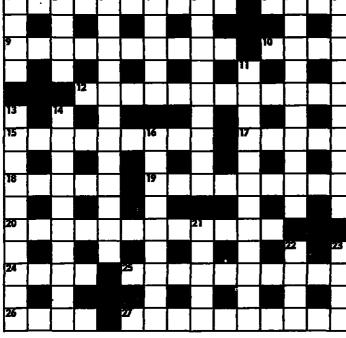
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,880



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6 Computer lingo's not about to make old Greek change (4). 9 Play with reserve, making pro

10 Delivered second letter at last in

12 Interpret wrongly master's Latin? (12).

15 Informs about rookie's stolen

of school right away (5). 18 Still in supersonic aircraft, show

ing courage? (5). 19 Issue a summons about a payment for the family (9). 20 Heard days before, it may instil one with curiosity (12).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,879

24 Irishman trains soldiers to infiltrate (4). 25 Spinner's terribly rusty — empty victory follows in confusion (5-5).

Trick's rounded off with a musical finale (4). 27 Something you can't take off until you have put on (6.4).

Fair tournament? Nothing's been forgotten (4). Dainty material is cut (4).

3 The favourite for the nursery stakes? (7-5).

A little uprising — and in Latin country? (5). 5 Nurse has air post (4.5).

7 The problem comes up with curate's organisation — he's of-ficious (10). 8 Unfasten the curtain - it's

draped all over the sofa (5,5). Trains, moving smoothly in an invigorating way (12). Time my car's overhauled - it's

not properly balanced (10). Came across a kind of check made on the board (10). 16 Plane making a curve — the result of hop and barley brew?

21 American who wrote about Nazis and the force of law? (5). 22 French product marked up in their bistros (4).

23 Sounds as if you need the eight-The Concise Crossword is on page 11.

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

PINDARIC
a. Divisible by seven
b. Shouting
c. Rantipole RANTIPOLE

a. Disorderly

b. A quintain staff
c. Grunnnels GRUMMELS a. Dregs b. Pea pods c. Gobbets **GOBBETS**

Answers on page 16

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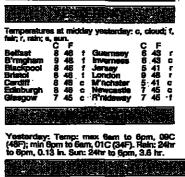


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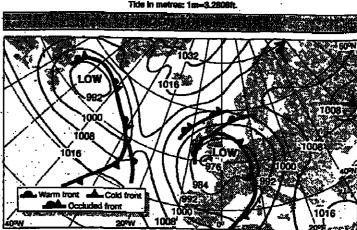
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TUESDAY MARCH 31 1992

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



SPORT 31-36

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Lucas

Lucas Industries, which has shed 9,000 jobs in the past two years, is able to maintain its interim dividend after receiving a £90 million cash injection from its pension fund Page 21

PROBLEM SHARED

Abbey National is taking egal advice about what to do with £100 million of unwanted shares burning a hole in its vaults, three years after their issue Page 21

NO BID



chairman of Pearson. firmly ruled out a bid for any part of Mirror Group Page 21

HARD SELL

Germany's Treuhand is to advise eastern Europe how not to privatise staterun enterprises Page 23

LAW TIMES

CHILDREN FIRST



The voice of the child should be heard above all others, Paula Davies

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RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 136.3 February (1987=100) Denotes midday trading price Time needed for DTI enquiry

Frost stands down as NatWest chief

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

THE Blue Arrow affair, which has hung over National Westminster Bank for more than four years, has finally claimed the head of Tom Frost, its chief executive.

Mr Frost is standing down cause of the appointment of DTI inspectors to investi-gate the role of senior Nat-West management in the aftermath of the Blue Arrow part-time joint deputy chairman, continuing to play a role at the bank until his retirement in 18 months.

Derek Wanless, deputy chief executive, is taking over from Mr Frost "with immediate effect" and , at 44, will be NatWest's youngest ever chief executive. Mr Frost said: "He is my guy for the job".

THE take-home pay of direc-

tors of large companies rose by more than twice the rate of

inflation last year, according

to Britain's most comprehen-

sive management pay survey.

Directors of companies

with unmover in excess of

£500 million averaged a. 9.3

per cent increase in pay dur-

ing 1991. When smaller com-

panies are included, directors

averaged rises of 3.3 per cent,

the British Institute of Man-

agement found. The results of

the study, covering more than

24,000 directors and manag-

renewed row over boardroom

pay when details are published next month.

Roger Young, the BIM's director general, is likely to issue a warning that pay rises

out of step with profits dam-

age companies' competitive-ness and industrial relations.

Robert Evans, the British Gas

THE demise of the historic

paper slip, which has been

used for centuries by brokers

at Lloyd's of London to record

policy participations by syndicates, came a step closer yesterday with the launch of a

limited electronic trading sys-

tem in the insurance market.

Participants are playing down comparisons of the in-

troduction of the system, elec-

tronic placing support (EPS),

with the Stock Exchange's

Big Bang, but concede that its impact could be as pro-found in the long term. The system allows brokers

to offer simple risks electroni-

cally to Lloyd's and company underwritets in London,

which can be accepted or

ected to lead to a

Top directors' pay

rises average 9.3%

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

Electronic trading

begins at Lloyd's

By Jonathan Prynn

the broker.

NatWest said the move. agreed between the board and Mr Frost, was to allow Mr Frost "to give sufficient time to the investigation". This reverses the stance taken by the bank three weeks ago. On March 12, Peter Lilley,

the trade secretary, an-nounced the investigation just two days after Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of NatWest, had publicly requested one to clear Mr Frost's name and NatWest's reputation after criticisms were voiced during and after the Blue Arrow trial. At that time, however, NatWest said that Mr Frost would stay in his post and that suggestions that he would stand down during the enquiry or retire early from the chief executive role were "complete non-sense" and "untrue". Lord

chairman, has already at-

tracted attention for accept-

ing a 17.6 per cent pay rise last year, to £435,222. The rise has infuriated leaders of

the company's 28,000 man-

ual workers, who have been

offered a rise of 4.25 per cent.

gest that most managers and directors found their pay packets squeezed last year

because bonuses fell as a re-

According to the BIM, the

average pay rise across the

whole economy last year was

crease in take-home pay for the managers was 6.1 per

cent, so although most re-

ceived pay increases ahead of

inflation, at 4:1 per cent, they averaged smaller rises than

many shop-floor workers. A

study by the Reward Group

found managers' basic pay rose 7.1 per cent in 1991.

rejected electronically or after

face to face negotiation with

Syndicates from 30 man-

aging agents representing about 80 per cent of the

capacity of Lloyd's, 17 bro-

kers, representing 85 per cent of the market, and all mem-

bers of the London company

market associations, make up

broked risk was placed with a Lloyd's syndicate by Sedg-wick at 8.26 am yesterday.

The first electronically

Terry Hayday, chairman of

the initial participants.

Yet the BIM findings sug-

Alexander said he started dis cussions with Mr Frost on the possibility of him standing down only on March 18, after Mr Frost had reflected on the amount of his time likely to be taken up by the enquiry, which the DTI expects to last for several months. He said: "In tough times the chief executive has to have a singleminded focus"

Mr Frost said both the enquiry and the direction of NatWest had to be dealt with properly. "It was not readily evident initially that the en-quiry would take up more time than I should take away from NatWest". Lord Alexander argued that when NatWest asked for the enquiry "we had not got our minds round how much time it would take. Perhaps we ought

He strongly rejected any suggestion that the board had talked to me about this' he added. He said the move had

remain in post of those serv-Arrow rights issue, which was launched by County Nat-West, the group's corporate finance and securities subsidiary, in September 1987 and led to an earlier DTI investigation. Three others resigned after being criticised in the first inspectors' report, which did not criticise Mr Frost. Lord Boardman, NatWest chairman at the time, also took responsibility and retired carly.

the bank in 1970, was regional director for the North-East and for West Yorkshire before coming to head office as head of personal banking services in 1986. He became a director last year, but made his biggest move forward only two months ago when he was put in charge of a new divi-sion, NatWest Capital Markets, embracing treasury functions, international corporate banking, merchant banking and securities. Only then did he become a serious candidate to succeed Mr Frost.





Eye for a bargain: two Mercedes limousines are among 19 cars owned by BCCI that are being sold by tender by Henry Butcher & Co, the auctioneer and surveyor. The tender closes on Friday at noon **Creditors** sent terms of BCCI

to have foreseen this".

been influenced by any out-side pressure for Mr Frost to stand down. "No investment institution has come to me or nothing to do with the bank's poor profit performance.

Mr Frost was the last exec-

utive director of NatWest to ing at the time of the Blue

Eurotunnel to seek further ruling on claims battle

EUROTUNNEL is to take its battle over £810 million of additional claims by contractors building the Channel tunnel to arbitration in Brussels after being ordered to make interim payments of £50 million a month by the

project's disputes panel.

The project developer said it would accept parts of the judgment, but made a final appeal to the International

THE European Bank for Re-

construction and Develop-

ment is planning to direct

about 40 per cent of its total

the Commonwealth of Inde-

The investment surge into

the CIS follows a recent deci-

sion by the bank's board of

directors to grant full mem-

bership to all countries of the

former Soviet Union, except

for Georgia.

Presenting the European

pendent States (CIS).

nding to the 11 countries of

Details of a \$3.1 billion package, which could guarantee creditors up to 40 per cent of their money back, are Chamber of Commerce over being sent out this week. some elements of the ruling. Terms of possible compensa-Eurotunnel also said that tion were agreed last month before the first £50 million payment falls due, it was "tak-

between Touche Ross, the liquidator, and the Abu Dhabi majority shareholders. The details have been pack-aged in a "readable" form for BCCl's creditors, of which 32,000 are in the UK. The deal, under which \$1.4 billion in assets will be pooled with \$1.7 billion or more

payout

CREDITORS of the Bank of

Credit and Commerce Inter-

national face a ten-year wait if

a compensation deal put to the majority shareholders is

not approved.

from the government of Abu Dhabi, is subject to agreement from creditors and to court approval in three countries. If agreement is not that legal action against Abu Dhabi over the recovery of funds could take up to ten

Under the proposals, Abu Dhabi would pay \$1.7 mil-lion into a contribution fund in a series of tranches. If the liquidators recover more than \$2.5 billion, the excess will be shared. If BCCI's liabilities exceed \$10 billion, Abu Dhabi's contribution rises to \$2.2 billion.

Touche Ross goes to the High Court on April 8 to seek approval for the deal, and court clearance is required in Luxembourg and the Cayman Islands. If approved, an interim payment of about 10p in the pound could follow next year and creditors could ultimately receive between 30 per cent and 40 per cent of their money back.
In agreeing to the deal, the majority shareholders and the liquidators have agreed to

drop claims and counterclaims. Creditors will have to sign over all legal rights before they can benefit. The pooling deal is expected to speed up distributions to

creditors and increase the amount they stand to get back from less than 10 per cent to up to 40 per cent.

Touche Ross is suing Ernst & Young for negligence and

auditing of the bank's 1986

ing steps" to show that the

By Our Industrial Correspondent

panel, an arbitration body chaired by Professor Philippe Malinvaud, of the Universe de Paris, had no power to order interim payments. Shares in Eurotunnel fell

33p to 405p in reaction to the ruling. The judgment constitutes a defeat for Eurotunnel in its eight-month battle to disown additional claims on the £620 million lump-sum contract to lit out the tunnel.

TransManche Link (TML). the contractors' consortium made up of five French and five British contractors, is

Bank's first annual results

for 1991, Jacques Attali, the

president, said that total lend-

ing and investments will rise

from 427 million ecus (£3) (

million) in 1991, to about El

billion this year and to E2

billion next year. Administra-

tive expenses were E43.1 mil-

lion, including E23.3 million

in staff costs. The staff cost for

the average employee came to

Attali's alone, page 21

European Bank aims

to direct funds to CIS

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

seeking payments totalling £1.27 billion, plus a £160 million management fee, at 1985 prices. The British contractors have each made provisions of £12 million against losses on the lump-sum contract. An order to triple progress payments by paying an additional £50 million a month would place severe pressure on Eurotunnel to reach agreement with TML

The panel said the fixed equipment work should re-main the subject of a lumpsum contract, and Eurotunnel and TML should agree a sum to be paid "in aggregate" for the fixed equipment. If they failed to reach agree-ment, the panel was prepared to fix elements of the sum.

Eurotunnel still appears confident the dispute can be settled within the £450 million of provisions made against contract disputes. However, the banking consortium to the £8.05 billion project is already reviewing a "marginal failure" by Eurotunnel to meet one of the funding conditions. Eurotunnel said the failure did not constitute a default, but paying an additional £50 million a month would increase pres-

sure on its finances. The tunnel is expected to open in late summer next year. A full service is unlikely until mid-1994.

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Bonuses at BhS beat tax deadline By LINDSAY COOK period, it cannot reveal the level of surance contributions of 10.4 per cent.

AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

BHS, formerly British Home Stores, part of the Storehouse group, has paid 50 of its senior managers profit-related cash bonuses. By making the payments before Sunday, when the current tax year ends, the managers will have saved thousands of pounds in tax which would have been due if Labour wins the

The group, whose year ended yesterday, said the bonns payments were timed to co-incide with the group's year end and were not designed to avoid tax payments should a Labour government

come to power.

But a spokesman for the company said that the timing of the payments means that the managers will pay tax at the current levels. Were Labour to win the election it is believed that most of those who earned the bonuses would fall into the proposed 59 per cent tax

and national insurance band. Because the group is in its closed

bonuses paid — but the spokesman said: "It's not eye-popping stuff, but it is nice to have. The bonuses were not paid last year because the group did not beat its budgets.".
Under current legislation, tax on bo-

nuses must be paid in the year in which the bonus is paid. By receiving the bonuses prior to the new tax year on April 6, an average BhS manager on £60,000 receiving a 20 per cent bonus, could save £2,280 in tax.

At BhS the top paid executive is David Dworkin who last year received £369,577. If he received a 20 per cent bonus of £73,915 he would currently face a tax bill of £29,566 on the bonus. Under a Labour government the bill would be £43,609 for tax and National

A large number of companies have advanced the date for bonus payments this year, because of higher tax fears. Some of the schemes pay in gold bars held offshore or in vouchers to additionally escape the employers' National InEmployees who receive such bonuses are usually above the current ceiling for National Insurance contributions of E390 a week. But under a Labour government they would attract National Insurance con-

tributions at 9 per cent. John Smith, shadow chancellor, said that he would backdate his increase in income tax to April 6 but he did not expect the changes for National Insurance to be

implemented before July.

Merchant banks and stockbrokers have paid the largest bonuses in the past. An employee receiving £100,000 in bonus this year would pay £40,000 tax on it. If it were in cash the employer would pay £10,400 in National Insurance contributions. Under Labour, the £100,000 bonus

would be taxed at 50 per cent and 9 per cent National Insurance would be charged to the employee. This would leave the employee with £41,000 com-pared with £60,000 if it is paid before the weekend.

Profits slide to £27m at Wilson Connolly

BY MARTIN WALLER

SHAREHOLDERS in Wilson (Connolly) Holdings, a builder that is weathering the recession better than most, are being rewarded with a 5. per cent dividend rise despite a 13 per cent profit fall in the year to December 31. They could also see a sales improve

A final payment of 2.66p makes a total of 3.93p, covered 2.6 times. Pre-tax profits fell to £27.1 million from £31.1 million the previous year. Ian Black, manag-

Rutland maintains dividend

By Jonathan Prynn RUTLAND Trust, the finan-

cial services group, has held its dividend for the year to end December, despite a 21. per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £8.2 million. The final was pegged at 0.53p, making an 0.8p total again. Earnings per share fell to 1.8p (2.38p).

Results reflected the contin-uing UK recession, which hit the equipment financing and surveying operations. The equipment and computer leasing activities have now been sold and the disposal recorded as a £3.3 million extraordinary loss.

Hunter & Partners, the architectural and building surveying practice, traded at a loss which was offset by increased levels of business for Ellis & Buckle, the chartered loss adjuster subsidiary.

The company said that each of its three divisions achieved positive cash flow and net profits during the year. Shareholders funds at the year-end were £26 million and group net cash resources £19.5 million.

ing director, said the year in housebuilding had been punctuated by "false dawns". The group sold at satisfactory levels during and after the Gulf war but there was no autumn upsurge; November and December were particularly disappointing. The election could end a

period of uncertainty. Mr Black said. Decisions by potential customers and clients had been deferred, so construction and property operations might pick up again soon. Poor levels of house reservations in the second half of 1991, however, would depress profits in the first six months of this year. Reservations in the first three months of 1992 had been more

Wilson (Connolly) sold 2,750 homes last year at an average price of £54,400, down from £59,500 in 1990 and £64,500 in 1989. However, the company maintained pre-tax margins at 17

The group was active in the land market, buying 3,700 plots at an average price of £12,000 and bringing the total land bank to 14,400 plots. Cash gearing at the year-end was just 13 per cent. Lynn Wilson, chairman, said: "These results will, I am sure, be seen as amongst the best in the industry, which has been ravaged by recession unprecedented in the lives of those that work within

The housebuilding side saw profits before tax slip from £33.1 million to £25.7 million, while the construction activities fell back from £4.43 million to £3.03 million. Property registered a profit of E380,000, against £5.56 million last time. Wilson (Connolly) took provisions of £2.02 million against the value of land and property, compared with £12.01 million last time.



Corporate fitness drive: Henderson, left, with Snyder and Conley

Alexon shows a leaner style

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

lion to £12.6 million, a 19 per cent fall on an annualised

Earnings per share before the extraordinary loss fell 19

per cent on an annualised

basis, to 23p. The final divi-dend of 7.6p makes 10.6p for the year, no increase on last

year on an annualised basis. The £6.32 million extraordi-

nary loss meant the group made a bottom-line loss of

Alexon decided not to dis-

count its prices outside the

sale period and, although this resulted in a loss of busi-

£1.8 million.

ALEXON Group, the retailer that owns the Dash, Alexon and Eastex brands, saw its shares fall 22p to 338p yes-terday after writing off £6.32 million in extraordinary los-ses following the closure of Dash Junior and the group's American stores.

Ruth Henderson, chief ex-ecutive, said Dash Junior was a brand inherited from the takeover of Ellis & Goldstein in 1988. The concept had never worked well, she

Group pre-tax profits were £11.3 million in the 52 weeks to January 25, compared with £12.8 million in the 43 weeks to January 26, 1991. Alexon changed its year-end to coincide with its department store customers and to include the crucial January sales period. Turnover rose

from E104 million to E121 ness to competitors who discounted heavily, the opermillion but on an annualised basis sales fell 4 per cent. As an extra 4 per cent of ating margin was 11 per cent, only 1 percentage point new sales space was added, sales fell 8 per cent on a same-shop basis. Operating profits fell from £12.9 milbelow the previous year de-spite increases in rent and

Sales at Alexon fell by more than 10 per cent on a like-for-like basis. At Dash they fell by less than 10 per cent and at Eastex they were up by almost 10 per cent.

The group is launching a range of active leisurewear promoted by Rosemary Conley, the fitness expert. Costs have been cut and Lawrence Snyder, chairman, says a sales increase holds the key to a profits advance this year. Sales are up on the second half of last year but down on a month-for-month basis. Mr Snyder hopes for an upturn in the second half.

BT offers gifts to inspire workers

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BT staff who demonstrate commitment to the company's new customer service values" are to be rewarded with a choice of 50 gifts under an incentive scheme being introduced by the telecoms

Food hampers, sports gear - and even telephones - will be offered to employees who are singled out by colleagues for their exemplary attitudes and actions.

The scheme is part of an effort by BT to reduce customer complaints to a tenth of their present level within five years, and to repair staff morale devastated by massive iob cuts.

An in-house survey of employee attitudes earlier this year failed to evoke a response from 37 per cent of the workforce. Among those who replied, only a third were proud of the company, and 44 per cent feared for their

A BT spokesman denied any direct link between the introduction of incentives and the morale survey. But he stressed that managers had paid close attention to the findings of the staff survey.

Introduction of the new incentive scheme will coincide with a new series of commitments, to be announced by BT on Thursday to streamline complaints procedures and improve services.

The BT scheme is regarded by the British Institute of Management as innovative because it applies to backroom staff, as well as those dealing directly with customers.

Details of the scheme are contained in a glossy booklet titled Living our values — saying thank you, sent to every BT employee. Inside, Michael Hepher, BT's group managing director, details five "values" by which all BT should work. He says BT employees should put cus-tomers first; be professional; respect each other; work as one team; and be committed to continuous improvement. Complaints are to be dealt

with promptly and with un-

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Inchcape increase beats forecast

INCHCAPE, the international motor distribution, marketing and services group, has reported a 6 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £185.2 million for the year to end-December, exceeding the £180 million forecast at the time of December's rights issue. As forecast, the final dividend is 7.5p. making 12.5p for the year, almost 6 per cent more than the 11.8p paid previously. The shares rose 13p to 428p.

The rights issue paid for Inchcape's December acquisition of Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn, which brought in the Wadham Stringer business. Charles Mackay, who succeeded Sir George Turnbull as chief executive last year, said the group was in a favourable position for future

Boxmore lifts payout

BOXMORE International, a packaging group based in Northern Ireland, increased its dividend after lifting pre-tax profits by 11.5 per cent to £3.06 million in the year to December 31. Turnover of the USM-quoted company rose by 20.5 per cent to £22.3 million. Claud Revill, chairman, said all the group's companies made profits except Airopak. which was acquired in the second half of 1991 and makes barrier-coated containers for the agro-chemical industry. Boxmore had £3.34 million net cash at the year-end. The final dividend is raised to 4.8p, from 4.4p last time, giving a total of 6.95p for the year (6.4p). Earnings were 23.9p a share (20.2p). The shares firmed 2p to 280p.

Computer People falls

POOR market conditions on both sides of the Atlantic have forced Computer People Group, Britain's largest recruitment agency for computer staff, to cut its dividend after a 67.6 per cent slump in pre-tax profits to £1.01 million from £3.11 million in the year to end-December. Revenues decreased by 11.2 per cent to £67.7 million. Final dividend is cut to 3.3p (4.1p), giving a reduced total of 5.4p (6.2p). Earnings drop to 5.48p a share (16.42p). There was a good improvement in the sales rate of the core United Kingdom consulting business in the early months of 1992, although consulting business in the early months of 1992, although market conditions remain tight. Higher profits are anticipated for the second half of 1992.

Edinburgh Fund rises

EDINBURGH Fund Managers reports a 15 per cent increase in pre-tax profit to £4.8 million for the year to end January. A final 8p makes 13p for the year - an increase of 8 per cent on the previous 12p. Funds under management sourced 35 per cent to a record £1.9 billion. The increase comprises £200 million in new money and £300 million from the rise in world stock markets last year. Colin Ross, the chairman, said: "Upward momentum has come from falling interest rates rather than corporate profits, which have generally been in decline. The continuing sluggish trend in share prices leads us to view our income prospects for the current year with a degree of caution."

Tuskar approached

TUSKAR Resources, the oil exploration company based in Dublin that is quoted on the USM, has received notice of an intended £4.36 million offer from Coplex Resources, an Australian natural resources group. The offer, on the basis of one Coplex share for 12 Tuskar shares, values each Tuskar ordinary at 1.66p and 1.78 Irp. Coplex, capitalised at about £20 million, said its proposed offer reflects a premium of 32.8 per cent on the last traded London price and 9.54 per cent on the Dublin price. Tuskar shares were unchanged at l p. Tuskar said that the nominal value of the intended offer, based on the Coplex share price last week, represents a premium of less than 10 per cent on the Dublin price.

Change to Interest Rates.

With effect from close of business on 30th March 1992 the following Business Deposit rates are applicable to the accounts set out below:

RATE PER ANNUM* GROSS% GROSS C.A.R.%

MANAGED ACCOUNT Instant Access Cheque Account

£100,000+	8.75	9.04
£50,000-99,999	8.25	8.51
£10,000-49,999	7.50	7.71
£2,000-9,999	4.00	4.06
£1-1,999	1.25	1.26
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT**†		

7.19 £2,000-9,999 7.00 1.25 1.28 £1-1,999

DO ACTICE CALL ACCOUNTS

£100,000+

£50,000-99,999

£10,000-49,999

10.00

9.50

9.00

10.38

9.84

9.31

PRACTICE CALL ACCOURTS		
£100,000+	9.75	10.11
£50,000-99,999	9.25	9.58
£10,000-49,999	9.00	9.31
£2,000-9,999	7.00	7.19
£1-1,999	1.25	1.26

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Krupp man jailed for seven years

Bochum — The former chairman of Krupp Stahl, the main component of Krupp; the German industrial conglomerate, was sentenced yesterday to seven-and-a-half years in prison for defrauding

his firm of millions of pounds. Alfred Goedde, aged 62, was sentenced at the end of a marathon three-year trial of three Krupp managers that saw 90 witnesses brought before the court.

Goedde and his colleagues bought a metal recycling firm that was on the brink of bankruptcy and signed a contract to buy scrap metal from Krupp for a fraction of its real

The firm recycled the scrap and resold it for huge profits from 1984-6. The loss of revenue to Krupp was estimated at DM12 million marks (£4.19 million).

Goedde's accomplices were sentenced to five years in jail and two years suspended terms in March 1990. (AFP).

Loan data dent hope of upturn

FEBRUARY'S slump in bank and building society lending was even greater than indicated in provisional data last week, according to final money supply figures from the Bank of England (Colin Narbrough writes).

The gloomy picture, offering scant hope of recovery this quarter, was reinforced by separate figures from the British Bankers' Association. This showed sterling lending in the three months to the end of February growing by only. £2.06 billion, compared with £1.9 billion in the previous three months.

The Bank of England revised down to £285 million the February increase in M4 lending; the previously re-ported figure was £400 mil-lion. In January, the rise was £3.7 billion. The Bank confirmed that the annual rise in M0. the officially targeted narrow money measure, was 2.2 per cent in February. unchanged from January.

Board changes at **Owen & Robinson**

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

OWEN & Robinson, the ewellery group, has had a boardroom shake-up, precipitated by institutional shareholder unrest and a warning that the group has insufficient reserves to pay preference dividends. Michael Smith, former

managing director of UK Retail at Laura Ashley, is to be finance director and Alan Gaynor, formerly chief executive of Underwood, chief executive. Tom Forsyth, group finance director and Tony Shasha, property director are to resign. The changes take effect tomorrow.

Mr Forsyth and Mr Shasha are believed to be receiving a small amount of compensation estimated at abour £30,000. O&R said last month that results for the full year to end-January would show losses and there would be no final dividend. The group is negotiating with its bankers. Borrowings are be-brought under control.



lieved to be £5 million against facilities of £7 million.

Mr Gaynor was approached by Maurice Dwek. O&R's chairman five weeks ago. Mr Dwek is relinquishing the chief executive role.

Mr Gaynor, who has met with institutional shareholders, says a business plan has been drawn up and excessive head office costs will be



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A further notice and application form will be issued to creditors in connection with the proposed agreements with the Government of Abu Dhabi, as explained in the recent Summary of Agreements, after Court approval of the

The procedure outlined above is for claims to be submitted in Luxembourg, England, the Cayman Islands, Isle of Man and Scotland. It is appreciated that many local officers have been appointed in other jurisdictions. Cooperation between the Liquidators and the local officers will be necessary before many creditors' claims can be admitted. In the

circumstances creditors may wish to contact their local officers. This notice only applies to BCCI SA, BCCI Overseas and CFC and their branches.

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Lucas to cut 1,000 jobs as pension fund boosts profit

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

LUCAS Industries, which has aiready shed 2,000 jobs in the past six months and a total of 8,000 jobs since July, 1990, plans another 1,000 redundancies in the next six months, Sir Anthony Gill, the chairman, said yesterday. The cutback is likely to af-

heat increase

fect up to 400 jobs in Britain, some of which will be lost through natural wastage.

Lucas, the technology sys-tems and components group, has already charged £15.4 million against interim prof-

MB builds high-rise profits in Germany

MB-CARADON, the build-ing products, packaging and printing group, is benefiting from the building boom in Germany and stands to gain more if Bonn enacts legislation to encourage east Germans to move from solid fuel heating to gas. The group's continental business is helping to offset the fall in profits from its British building

products activity.

Demand for the group's radiators in Germany has been such that in addition to supplying that market from its European plants, MB is exporting British-made radi-

Overall, the group made pre-tax profits of £106 million in the year to December 31, compared with £102 million in 1990. Turnover fell from £696 million to £679 million. Trading profits rose 3 per cent to £125 million, includ-ing an unchanged contribution of £31.8 million from MB's 25.1 per cent stake in CMB Packaging. Fully diluted earnings per share were unchanged at 15p and the final dividend has been held at 5.75p, making an unchanged 8.5p for the year.

A £149 million rights issue at 205p last October reduced gearing from 67 to 8 per cent. The rights issue reduced the million. The shares rose 9p to 259p yesterday on the results. which were better than ex-

MENN, A. S. LENATERA.

Peter Jansen, chief executive, said operating profits in building products and security printing rose by 5 per cent to £93.7 million, despite difficult UK trading conditions. Results in the second half were much stronger than in the first; the security printing business, which had been down 17 per cent in the first half, bounced back to end the year up 17 per cent at £31.8

In the UK, operating profits of the building products division fell by 9 per cent to £48 million but Mr Jansen said that, given the state of the market, he was pleased with the figure.

Costs have been cut. About 900 jobs, 13 per cent of the total, went in 1991 and the workforce is to be trimmed by a further 6 per cent in the first half of this year. Overseas, the building products division increased operating profits by 45 per cent to £13.9 million. Mr Jansen said: "So far this year, the overall profit-

ability of the managed businesses is showing a significant increase over the corresponding period last year. although the first quarter of 1991 was particularly difficult."

its in respect of reorganisation and redundancy costs in the six months to end January, of which £13.1 mil-

Sir Anthony says overall charges for redundancy and reorganisation are likely to rise in the second half ending July. Second-half charges are likely to refer more to aerospace than automotive

lion related to redundancies.

Lucas said its pension fund, Lucas Pensions Trust Limited, which has long enjoyed a handsome surphis, made a £90 million distribution to Lucas plc following approval last November by the various authorities.

The fund also dispersed more than E220 million in improved benefits for employees and pensioners and a £60 million payment to the Inland Revenue.

The current surplus remains in excess of £200 million. The trust holds 68.3 million ordinary shares, equivalent to 9.73 per cent of the equity, and 6.8 million warrants, representing an overall 9.96 per cent stake in Lucas. Lucas Employees Trust

owns 17.1 million Lucas shares and 1.7 million warrants, respectively 2.4 per cent and 2.5 per cent of shares and warrants. The £90 million cash injection effectively allowed Lucas

to maintain its interim divi-dend for the six months to end January at 2.1p a share, even though net earnings (ig-noring the £90 million) slumped from 5.8p to 0.3p a share. At the operating level, Lucas reports profits of £17.1 million, compared with £68.8 million in the previous first half, Pre-tax profits, swelled by the pension item, were £90.2 million (£55.3 million).

In Britain, operating profits plunged from £29.3 miltion to £2:9 million, and in America previous profits of £6.7 million turned into £2.1 million operating losses.

Acrospace markets reined depressed and several defence projects ended. Demand for spares and re-pairs had declined as airlines de-stocked and laid up

Lucas, however, expects the balance between military and civil orders to change, with civil orders accounting for at least 60 per cent.

hurt by the 20 per cent drop in British passenger car production, though the March budget gives some encourment to the industry, the chairman said.

Sir Anthony said that Lu-cas was continuing to invest in development programmes and new products. The company was also still cutting ts, and had won contracts. Market conditions re-

mained difficult in several areas, however, and automotive interests were still bumping along the bottom. There were signs of encouragement, "but to date we do not see a rapid upturn," Sir Anthony said.

The group expects to an-nounce "soon" a replacement for David Hankinson, the fi-

About three times as much

flowed into Romania as into

Czechoslovakia, usually

thought of as the most ad-

vanced country in eastern Europe, offering the best in-

vestment prospects. Just

under half the bank's invest-

ment went into telecommuni-

A high proportion of the bank's lending went into in-

frastructure projects, ranging

from telecommunications to

food distribution. Such

projects are essential prereq-

uisites of a functioning mar-

ket economy. Eastern

Europe's most urgent need,

however, is access to western

Europe's markets and the es-

tablishment of a stabilisation

fund to create hard curren-

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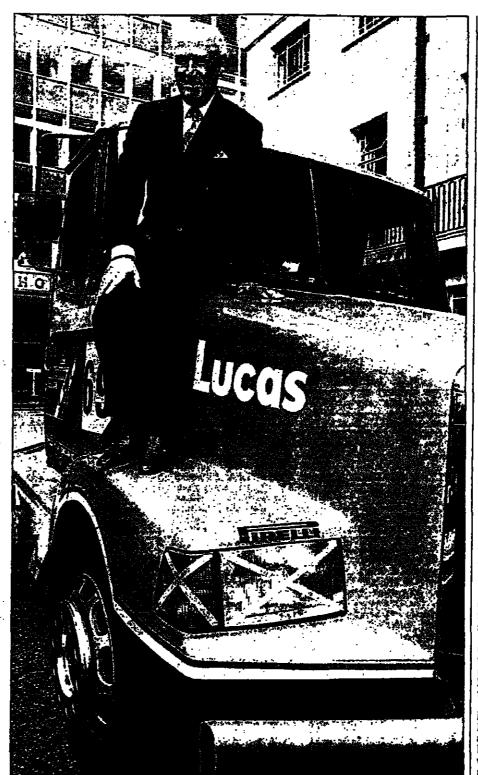
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down the drain.



Bumping along: Sir Anthony says Lucas was hurt by drop in car production

Pearson rules out any Mirror Group purchase

By MARTIN WALLER

LORD Blakenham, chairman of Pearson, the diversified conglomerate that owns the Financial Times, has ruled out any further negotiations to buy the Daily Mirror or any other part of Mirror Group Newspapers. He said although Pearson

had not seen the detailed figures, it had a "pretty clear idea" of the company's finances and of the state of the pension fund. "We're not interested in any part of the Mirror Group," he added.

The group is interested in parts of the rest of the Max-well empire, particularly Macmillan College Publishing, but does not expect these to become available for sale. Pearson, which formally pulled out of the bidding for the Mirror in January but was rumoured still to be interested in other parts of the group, was unveiling 1991 figures slightly better than expected, prompting a 9p rise in the share price to 795p. Pre-tax profits dropped from E226.3 million to £173.8 million, but a final payment of 12.5p maintains the total div-

idend at 23.25p.
Pearson took a £35 million extraordinary profit before tax in 1991 from the March sale of its stake in Elsevier, the Dutch publisher, although changes in accountancy practice meant this figure was reduced from the £229 million announced with the interim figures.

The conglomerate, whose interests include the Royal Doulton fine china business and a share in the Lazard Brothers merchant bank, as well as leisure activities such as Madame Tussauds and the Alton Towers amusement park, is relying on organic growth for expansion while

The Swire Group

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1991 FINAL RESULTS

asking prices remain unacceptably high despite the re-cession. Lord Blakenham

"So far all the acquisitions that have come onto the market haven't really reflected the trading conditions in which all companies in this market have been operating for the

past 18 months," he added. The group is interested in buying more publishing husinesses, however, with Asia and the Pacific Rim favoured

Frank Barlow, Pearson's managing director and the chairman of BSkyB, the satellite television operation that is also partly owned by News International, owner of The Times, said the first clear returns from the business would become available to Pearson by the end of next

"I would be very surprised if BSkyB doesn't start to trade at a profit overall in the second half of 1993, and thereafter cash can flow out," he said. The business went into a small operating profit earlier this month, before interest charges. Pearson is a 16 per cent shareholder and guarantor to loans to the venture: the first clear returns would go to reducing those debts.

Pearson is making light of the threat from the opening this spring of the Euro Disney theme park near Paris, which some observers say will deflect custom from Alton Towers and Chessington, another leisure asset. Michael Herbert, chief executive in charge of entertainments. said the French park would boost trading for the better quality leisure complexes in Britain.

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Attali fights alone in eastern Europe

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

FEW international financial institutions have come in for as much flak as the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Debate over the bank, which has the task of helping the nations of eastern Europe, tends to focus not on what it is doing but on its deed the need for its exis-

Next month, the European Bank will celebrate its first anniversary, and yesterday, Jacques Attali, its president, presented the first annual report, for 1991. The European Bank has various functions and cannot be classified either as a development bank or as an investment bank. It is a hybrid, and M Attali insists that it has a political mandate as well. The bank exists to channel international funds into public- and private-sector projects throughout east-

So far, the European Bank has committed 620 million ecus (£450 million) in loans and equity to about 20 projects. Compared with what is needed, this is a drop in the ocean.

ern Europe.

The drop is growing bigger, however. In the present financial year, M Attali hopes to lend E! billion and in 1993, E2 billion. The difficulty, he said yesterday, is not shortage of capital but a shortage of eastern European projects worth investing in, especially since the European Bank invests only in ventures that private investors would not risk on their own.

Romania attracted most of the funds (30 per cent), closely followed by Hungary. Attair political mandate

Hickson raises dividend

IICKSON International, the chemicals group that cut debt with the help of a £70

Pre-tax profits in the year ended December fell from £27.7 million to £23.7 million, after £2.44 million of over of £367.4 million. The final dividend of 5.15p a share on the enlarged capital makes 7.82p (7.5p) for the

Sir Gordon Jones, chairman, says gearing is down to 15 per cent (134 per cent), and that the disposal of noncore businesses is nearing completion - £26 million raised in 1991, and a further £11 million so far in 1992. He says: "It was a year in which Hickson faced its prob-

lems," adding that manage-ment's focus is now on the development of the mainstream chemical operations. Action has been taken to reduce costs, and £3.4 million was absorbed by redundancies. Annual savings of more than £5 million achieved will

continue through 1992 and

beyond, the group says. Hickson made an exceptional £6.6 million provision. within an overall charge that nets off at £2.44 million, in relation to litigation concerning floor coverings interests in America, and environmen-

There is an extraordinary £24.6 million charge (£11.7 million) taken below the profits line, of which £14.9 million relates to goodwill and £8.5 million on the loss on disposal of the merchant distributors division. The shares closed 1p

BY OUR CITY STAFF

million rights issue in Sep-tember, says it now has "re-newed vigour and purpose". Audited Consolidated Results. The profit attributable to shareholders for the year ended 31st December 1991 was US\$394.8 million, as compared with US\$314.1 million for the previous year. This represents an increase of 25.7%. 1991

3,996.7 Turnove 4,310.1 746.4 630.5 Operating profit Net finance charges 70.4 48.8 Net operating profit 676.0 581.7 48.2 31.2 **Profit before taxation** and minorities 724.2 612.9 101.2 Taxation 228.2 Profit attributable to shareholders 394.8 314.1 US¢ Earnings per share: 24.9 'A' shares 'B' shares 5.0

US¢ Dividends per share: 'A' shares – interim 2.9 2.9 final, 8.5 7.3 10.2 11.4 B' shares - interim 0.6 – final. 1.7 2.1 2.3 Nøt assets per share 'A' shares 2.81

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Exchange rate used: US\$1+HK\$7 80

Divisional Results. Cathay Pacific Airways' 1991 results were 1.5% lower than those of the previous year, with a revenue load factor for the year of 71.0% compared with 74.3% for 1990. Set against the background of the Gulf War and continuing world-wide recession this should be considered a satisfactory outcome. Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company had a good year, with an increase in profits of 10.8%, despite inflationary pressures. Swire Properties' 1991 profits were higher than those of the previous year reflecting increased rental income from its portfolio of investment properties. The Offshore Oil and Shipping Services Division once again recorded good growth in profitability from its Hong Kong operations, whilst improved market conditions resulted in reduced losses from offshore activities.

The Industries Division's operating profits showed substantial growth over 1990 though Swire Magnetics continues to record losses during the rationalisation of its operations. The disposal of Swire Bottlers' former plant in Quarry Bay at a good ofit further improved results. Both the Trading Division and the Insurance Division reported higher profits in 1991, reflecting improved market

Financing. Consolidated net borrowings at the end of 1991, including the indirect borrowings represented by finance leasing obligations. amounted to US\$1,363.5 million, compared with US\$1,361.7 million at the end of 1990. In addition, market auction preferred shares with a value of US\$300 million were issued during 1991 by a subsidiary company, enabling certain borrowings to be repaid, and were outstanding at the end of 1991. The increase in overall amounts due for net borrowings and market auction preferred shares reflects a high level of capital expenditure during

Final Dividends. Final dividends to be recommended at the Annual General Meeting on 28th May 1992 amount to USc8.5 per 'A' share and US¢1.7 per 'B' share, an increase of 15.8% over the final dividends for 1990. Share registers will be closed from 18th May 1992 to 22nd May 1992, both dates inclusive, and dividends will be payable on 4th June 1992 to shareholders registered on 22nd May 1992.

Investment Properties and Net Asset Value. The annual valuation at open market value of the Group's investment properties, both completed and under development, was carried out at 31st December 1991 by Jones Lang Wootton. The 1991 valuation, at US\$3,876.2 million, has resulted in an increase of US\$625.0 million in the valuation reserves of the Group. Taking into account both the retained earnings in 1991 and the increase in the valuation of investment properties, the net asset value of the Swire Pacific Group at 31st December 1991 was US\$4,466.0 million.

Prospects. The current year has started well for both the Aviation and Property Divisions. Demand for air travel continues the recovery seen in the second half of 1991 and Cathay Pacific Airways expects, in the absence of adverse economic and currency factors, to record improved profits in the year ahead. Swire Properties' investment property portfolio will increase with the completion of Cityplaza 3 and 4, and a continued growth in rental income is expected. Companies within the other divisions are well placed to benefit from improved markets for their respective activities. Overall the prospects for the Swire Pacific Group are encouraging.

The Annual Report for 1991 will be sent to shareholders on 4th May 1992

D A Gledhill Chairman Hong Kong, 26th March 1992

Swire Pacific Limited

Abbey ponders its surfeit of riches

By Jon Ashworth

ONE of the biggest cash piles in British banking history is there for the taking but those entitled to it are apparently uninterested.

Abbey National, the building society that became a bank, is sitting on up to £100 million in shares. These were offered to customers at the time of the stock market flotation in July 1989 but remain unclaimed. From July, three years after the share issue, Abbey is entitled to sell them off. There are quite a few people who would like a slice of

the pie. Abbey's customers were offered 100 free shares each at the time of conversion, but many have failed to claim their due, worth about £276, despite several

With three months to go before "the big selloff", no one seems to know how much the unclaimed shares are worth. As many as 390,000 shares, with a value of up to £100 million, could be at stake, but many of the certificates might

be duplicates. Abbey has several options. A mass sale of shares would flood the market, drive down the price and upset existing shareholders. Cancelling the outstanding shares would drive the price up. Legal advice is being taken. If Abbey is not exactly drawing a well

of secrecy over the shares, it is being a little evasive. After all, just think what £100 million could do for the balance sheet. Not to mention the £60 million cost of the mortgage rescue scheme it launched last month to ball out home-

Simon Canney, a shareholder, has suggested it might be a good idea to give the shares to Shelter, the charity for the homeless, which has benefited from Abbey before. At the time of the conversion, customers were free to assign their shares to charity, and Shelter was en-

riched to the tune of £350.000. Mr Canney was keen to put a resolution at Abbey's annual meeting on April 22, but was told that under the Companies Act, he would have to pick up the tab for notifying the 5.6 million shareholders. Since that would cost about £500,000, it is a bit beyond his means. Members could vote to reimburse him at the meeting, but who would want to gamble on that? Abbey insists it does not know how

much the shares are worth. There is no doubt, however, that a sizeable sum is at stake, and deciding what to do with it should produce some fun and games.

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The Abbey flotation was one of the most chaotic the City has seen. Shareholders were soon grumbling that delays in returning cheques had cost them hundreds of pounds in interest.

Some shareholders were given too many shares by mistake and had to give them had to give them had to give them had a share 120 000 letters were them back. About 120,000 letters were lost owing to a computer error and thousands of certificates were sent out

Finally, the charred remains of about 365,000 Abbey share certificates were discovered in two skips in Greenwich, south-east London. It was not a happy

ending to the flotation. The next chapter is about to unfold.

BSkyB pledge brightens Pearson picture

staged an abrupt recovery since the start of this year as expectations have risen for BSkyB, in which it has a 16 per cent stake. Those expectations were reinforced yesterday when the group, chaired by Lord Blakenham. forecast that shareholders would see the first clear returns from the venture by the end of next year.

That pledge was accompa nied by better-than-expected figures for 1991, which moved the share price ahead 9p to 795p, and dealers were further encouraged by a onefor-one scrip issue. But there looks to be little to become excited about for the current

Pearson's pre-tax profits came in at £173.8 million, down 23 per cent; the dividend is maintained, but cover slips from 2.5 to 1.9 times' earnings per share, which looks slim for a business as traditionally riskaverse as Pearson.

operating oil wells in America down year-on-year by a third, oil services is set for a tough time in 1992, while despite the group's confidence on the longer-term implications of Euro Disney to its leisure activities such as Alton Towers, it is hard to see the Paris opening benefiting those businesses

Colin Tennant at UBS Phillips & Drew is looking for

PEARSON'S shares have £190 million pre-tax this year, putting the shares on a premium rating of 16 times prospective earnings. The rating is deserved, given the high quality of the businesses that make up the group and the low gearing. but little further progress seems justified.

Lucas

LUCAS Industries' pension funds, recognising that one good deed deserves another, have come to the aid of a dear friend in desperate need.

Lucas Pensions Trust. holding an overall 9.96 per cent of Lucas in shares and warrants, and flush with a surplus, has repaid £90 mil-lion to Lucas after November's resolution of the embarrassment of riches.

The gesture proves most timely, facilitating the declaration of an unchanged, and now covered, 2.1p in-terim dividend. The £90 mil-lion should at least secure this year's final dividend too, and comes when Lucas's operating profits in the six months to end January would otherwise have demanded different action.

sion fund fortunes were more closely tied to the Lucas group because of a 13 per cent equity holding. They therefore, much relieved in those dark days when Lucas held dividends

on the back of losses.

In the early Eighties, pen-

Reflecting a tough and difficult six months, Lucas shows operating profits down 75 per cent at £17.1 million, and diluted net earnings (excluding the £90 million) of 0.3p (5.8p) a share.

The half-time results bear a £15.4 million charge for reorganisation and redun-dancy costs, against £1.9 million, and there is more to come in the second half. Meanwhile, UK operating profits slumped from £29.3 million to £2.9 million. Continental profits halved, and losses in North America totalled £2.1 million, against profits of E6.7 million.

July-end 1992 profits might only be £25 million (£83.6 million), but there could be recovery in next year, should the specialist automotive and aerospace markets advance. Lucas's yield, at a prospective 8.3 per cent, are the shares' best

Inchcape

APART from the name and some residual timber interests, the Nineties Inchcape bears little resemblance to the colonial trading group of old. However, the inheritance of a strong pres-ence in the markets of Eastern Asia has come into its own as the European and American trading blocs con-tinue to suffer economic stagnation. More than half the group's profits are de-

which, with the exception of Singapore, boasts the world's healthiest regional

But the group's robust 6 per cent pre-tax profits growth to £185.2 million last year was more than just historical accident. Under the dynamic direction of Sir George Turnbull, the group gave its sprawling international interests a sharper focus and Charles Mackay. the new chief executive, has continued with an acquisition spree Profits from Tozer Kem-

sley Millbourn, acquired for nine times historic earnings, come on stream from March. with the prospect of £4 to £5 million of annual cost savings by 1993 through a merger with Inchcape's existing UK car dealerships. If TKM is included on a proforma basis, the motor activities contributed more than 60 per cent of profits last year. This is expected to ease as the faster growing market-ing and services divisions increase their contribution. With year-end gearing at only 18 per cent, acquisitions

in these sectors are likely. A forecast of £275 million pre-tax profits for the current year means that the shares are changing hands at a still undemanding 12.4 times prospective earnings. The bottom of the cycle timing of the TKM deal means that the the TKM deal means that the shares should be bought at



Strong signal: Lord Blakenham expects Pearson to see satellite returns soon

Finance in place at Brent

Brent Walker Group, the debt-plagued leisure combine, confirmed completion of its financial restructuring. with all parties now signed up and the scheme taking effect from yesterday. Trading in the new ordinary shares and the various preference shares. notes and warrants issued as

a result starts today. The restructuring requires the banks to swap some of the £1.6 billion debt into equity. with the rest deferred until 1997. Talks with the banks first started 16 months ago.

Kinder moves

Merchant Retail, which operates Norman's supermarkets in the South-West and Joplings' department stores in the North-East, has appointed Eric Kinder, the chairman of Smith & Nephew, the healthcare group, as chairman. Michael Swan steps down as chairman to become non-executive deputy chairman

M&G trust

M&G, the investment group. raised £129.8 million with its second investment trust. which closed on Friday. The M&G Recovery Investment Trust attracted £113.6 million from the public, £104.8 million of which was in personal equity plans.

Mercury sale

Mercury Communications. part of Cable and Wireless, has sold its Cass Group offshoot to its management.

ment. In addition, anticipa-

tion of first-quarter earnings

was rising, keeping buyers

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shares were flat in early trad-

ing as blue chips' attempt to

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fizzled. The Dow Jones indus-

trial average was up only 4.25 points to 3,235.69. Declining

shares held a slim lead over

Analysts said that while

portfolio window dressing be-

fore the quarter's end might

boost the market, most inves-

tors were either on the side-

lines or moving there to await

March economic data due

this week, including consum-

advancing shares.

Fears of further bad debt disturb banks

THE outlook for the banking sector remains bleak and it seems that provisions for bad and doubtful debts may have to be increased to cope with the number of businesses that go to the wall.

Share prices of the big four banks spent another difficult session, still reflecting their exposure to the problems at Olympia & York and the privately owned Heron International. But it is not just the big companies that are finding the going tough. A survey by Dun & Bradstreet Interna-tional, the business information company, showed that the number of bankruptcies among smaller companies is still dimbing. City analysts seem agreed that further provisions by the banks will have

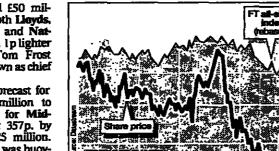
Stockbrokers Kleinwort Benson and rival County NatWest WoodMac both decided to cut their profit estimates yesterday. Worst hit was Bardays, down 5p at 317p, as Kleinwort stashed its forecast from £690 million to £540 million and County cut its estimate by £100 million to £590 million. Klein-

wort also trimmed £50 million apiece from both Llovds. 2p easier at 385p, and National Westminster, 1p lighter at 279p, where Tom Frost has just stepped down as chief County cut its forecast for

Lloyds by £100 million to £650 million and for Midland, 7p better at 357p. by £35 million to £225 million. The Midland price was buoyed by reports that it had previously rejected a bid of £4 a share from Lloyds in favour of the offer from Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank. The rest of the equity mar-

ket was surprisingly resilient despite claims over the weekend that it would open sharply lower in the wake of the latest election opinion polls and news of heavy losses on Wall Street. In the event. share prices clawed back an early mark-down to finish 5.0 up at 2,452.9.

Turnover of 402 million was boosted by a late surge of bed-and-breakfasting in order to establish a year-end tax loss. Genuine retail demand remained scant in the current volatile conditions. Govern-



ment securities shrugged off recent nervousness to finish with gains of E at the longer

Property shares remained weak, overshadowed by the 312p.

to 451p, Land Securities 8p to 395p and MEPC lip to Tomorrow, ECC Group shares will become part of the top 100. The price firmed 5p to 495p in anticipation yesterday and have outperformed the rest of the market by 22 per cent

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since July 1990. Nikko, the Japanese securities house, believes now is the time to sell. problems of Olympia & York and Heron. There were set-

backs for Percy Bilton, down 8p at 410p, British Land 8p to 178p, Estates & General

Eurotuanel, fell 33p to 405p after being ordered to pay an extra £50 million a month to Trans Manche Link, the consortium of com-

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Eurotunnel has been locked in a bitter row with the contractors over cost overruns for some time. But the decision by a panel of arbitrators has been attacked by Eurotunnel. It says there is no basis for tripling the monthly payments from £25 million to £75 million. Eurotunnel has until April 30, to contest the decision.

Lourho, the international trading group headed by Tiny Rowland, continued to lose ground, falling 8p to 79p, after touching 75p, as analysts and fund managers speculated over the wisdom of last week's sale of a stake in its Metropole Hotels chain to Lonrho's biggest indepen-

dent shareholder, America's Fidelity Life, is worried by the link at a time when sanctions against Libya over the release of the Lockerbie bombers are being considered. The market is becoming increasingly worried that Fidelity may choose to dispose of its 10 per cent stake in Lonrho by dumping the shares. Pearson, the publishing to

tainments group, jumped 8p to 794p after revealing figures at the top end of expectations. Even though pre-tax profits were down from £226.3 million to £173.8 million, analysts said the final outcome could have been worse. Newspaper publishing and the banking operations were the worst hit. It is being

proposed that the shares be

split in half. A £90 million pension fund surplus helped Lucas Industries, the automotive parts group, to report pre-tax profits up from £55.3 million to £90.2 million, but had it not been for the surplus, the group would have only just broken even. The shares fell 7p to 112p.

Incheape, the international services company which last year bought car distributor Tozer Kemsley, weighed in with another healthy increase in full-year profits. At the pre-tax level, they were £11.2 mil-lion higher at £185.2 million. The shares responded with a 13p rise to 428p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Allianz and Dresdner fight cartel charge

lysts mostly doubted that Allianz would have to sell its stake in Dresdner.

The insurer said the mutual stakes are held to cement the marketing co-operation deal and should be seen as longterm investments. The two groups were not aiming to influence each other's business policy. Allianz stressed. Dresdner, which has a 10 per cent stake in Allianz, also denied that they exerted influence on each other's business

strategy. Cornhill Insurance, part of Allianz, dived more than £39 million into the red in 1991 and gave warning that 1992' would be another poor year. The losses for the year to end-December, 1991, compare with a profit of £30.8 million in 1990.

The general underwriting loss surged to £102.1 million, against a loss of £39.5

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skittish, analysts said. Tokyo - Shares closed slightly firmer after drifting off morning lows and afternoon highs. Brokers said investors will remain in limbo until the new fiscal year starts tomor-The 225-share Nikkei average was up 32.32 points, or 0.16 per cent, to 19.669.31. with an estimated 170 million shares traded. A STATE OF THE STA

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GERMANY'S Allianz, Eu- Banking and insurance anarope's largest insurance group, and Dresdner Bank, the country's second largest bank, are fending off an assault by anti-trust authorities following German press reports that their direct or indirect shareholdings are much larger than previously disclosed.

Germany's anti-cartel office said it would order Allianz to reduce its stake in Dresdner Bank, although Allianz denied that its stake breaches German competition laws. The move followed reports that the Federal Office had only recently been informed that Allianz either directly or indirectly owned 47 per cent of the bank, much higher than previously dis-

closed.
"The percentage of 47 per cent is not correct . . . in fact Allianz has a 22.3 per cent stake in Dresdner Bank," the insurer said in a statement.

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om Frost has been in an increasingly lonely and untenable position as chief executive of National Westminster, which he took up only months before executives of its County NatWest subsidiary embarked on the ill-fated Blue Arrow rights issue, then cooked up an initially successful deception about the extent of its failure, leading the bank to try to cover some of its traces. Two joint deputy chief executives and an executive director, who been told about the manouevres at an early stage, resigned after being criticised in a DTI inspectors report. Lord Boardman, NatWest's previous chairman, did the decent thing although not directly involved, perhaps to remove that burden from Mr Frost and leave the bank with some leadership. Three County NatWest executives were convicted of what the court termed fraud.

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Mr Frost was not involved in the plan of deception. No evidence has emerged that he knew about what had happened until months later. He was not criticised in the first inspectors' report or the judge's summing up at the trial. Inevitably, however, he was involved in subsequent board decisions that were misguided. He was also criticised in evidence at the trial, not least over his dealings with the Bank of England. The hooes of Lord Alexander, NatWest's chairman, that the affair might die down after the trial were optimistic. When he asked for a new investigation in the wake of critical press comment he was only pre-empting the possibility, quickly realised, that the DTI would act on its own anyway. The surprise is that Lord Alexander, a distinguished and experienced barrister, and Mr Frost, who had lived through the earlier DTI inquiry, did not immediately realise that this would take much of Mr Frost's time and cloud his reputation for months.

Nearing retirement, Mr Frost might have taken the rap for NatWest's terrible trading performance. That he did not do so may have stemmed from the idea that this would have been interpreted as admitting blame on the Blue Arrow affair. Sadly for Mr Frost, he will not see the benefits of the reforms he has set in train to switch NatWest's emphasis away from ambition to the bottom line.

Fair pay for all

So far executive pay has not become an election issue. Perhaps this is just as well for corporate Britain which has collectively failed to devise some guidelines which pass muster as fair and sensible in the broad public view. A new survey by the British Institute of Management appears to show that last year one set of guidelines applied for directors of large companies and quite different one for those working in small businesses. The big firms paid their board members an average 9.3 per cent more during 1991 while a broader sample taking in smaller enterprises showed gains of 3.3 per cent. Managers included in the survey of 24,000 executives fared better than many directors taking home 6.1 per cent more pay than previously.

The central difficulty for business is that the processes for fixing pay are far less transparent han they might be and therefore capable of much misinterpretation. There is little or no public awareness of the market forces at work which tend to drive up the pay of capable business leaders who can skills and decisions can produce profit rises which far outstrip normal rates of inflation. Without greater openness in the pay fixing process, business runs the risk that its leaders will be suspected of breaking the link between performance and pay which can be accepted and understood from the shop floor upwards.

Where will John Smith's tax burden really fall?

Labour's economic

advisers. John Eatwell and Karen Gardiner

claim the party's tax plans will not squeeze

the middle classes

he Labour party's budget has been the subject of a series of critical articles by Anatole Kaletsky in The Times. Mr Kaletsky's most striking claims are that John Smith's proposals will leave "Britain's middle class-es paying far higher taxes than under the last Labour government". but "for most of Labour's gainers the benefits are paltry". Both propo-sitions are very misleading. In more of his articles does Mr

Kaletsky acknowledge that Labour's reform of National Insurance contributions has removed two large anomalies. First, the "part-time workers poverty trap" has been abolished. The flat rate "entry fee" was responsible for a marginal tax rate in excess of 100 per cent at earnings of £54 a week. Second, the removal of the upper earnings limit has eliminated what was, on in-comes above £21,060, a quasi poll tax - unrelated to ability to pay.

It is easy for the well-to-do to dismiss small gains for poorer people as "paitry". But a "paitry" £4 a week for a family on £8,000 is an income gain of 2.6 per cent. Comparable, surely, to a loss of £14.20 a week for a family on £30,000, also

2.6 per cent of income. Furthermore, by criticising Lab-our's pension and child benefit increases as "untargeted". Mr Kal-etsky chooses to ignore both the substantial research which demon-strates that child benefit is highly efficient in the relief of poverty (see for example, Joan Brown, "Why don't they go to work? Mothers on benefit", Social Security Advisory Committee, HMSO 1989), and the fact that pensions are taxable.

Mr Kaletsky's central allegation

that Labour's tax regime is "puni-tive" is based on an approach that ignores the contemporary research. His argument is presented in a form that has been rejected by experts on the impact of tax and benefit systems. Professor A B Atkinson, the foremost authority in the field, said in a letter to The Times (March 21) the "articles by Anatole Kaletsky demonstrate the potentially misleading nature of hypothetical calculations... This is why research on taxation policy has moved on in the past five years — to the use of tax-benefit models based on surveys of been used in the examination of Mr Smith's budget plans by the Institute for Fiscal Studies".

The difficulties referred to by Professor Atkinson arise from the complex structure of tax allowances and benefits, and from the fact that the 'typical" family does not exist. It is, therefore, easy to choose examples that are systematically biased in support of apparently general con-clusions, such as Mr Kaletsky's

unprecedented fiscal punishment for the middle class".

To compare Mr Smith's budget with Denis Healey's tax regime, Mr Kaletsky uses the example of a mar-ried man, today earning £30,000 with a mortgage equal to twice his income. He does not point out that in 1978-9 tax relief would apply to all the mortgage interest, at a basic rate of 33 per cent, whereas in 1992 only half his mortgage interest would be eligible for relief, at 25 per cent. These changes cost Mr Kaletsky's man more than £1,200.

If the same man had no mortgage, he would be £500 better off under Mr Smith's proposals com-pared to Mr Healey's, not £700 worse off as a reworking of Mr Kal-etsky's analysis would suggest. (On March 16, Mr Kaletsky used the figure of £1,500 worse off. That figure was produced prior to the publication of Mr Smith's budget Mr Kaletsky uses the same tech-

nique to argue that Labour made an 'error" in locating its top-rate income tax bands, claiming that Mr Smith has set the 50 per cent rate at a much lower point than did Nigel Lawson. Again, by including particular allowances in determination of the bands, he biases his case. If all allowances are ignored, and bands defined purely in terms of taxable income (as they are in the Red Book)

then in 1987-8 Mr Lawson's 50 per cent band began at the equivalent E35.814, and Mr Smith's 50 per cent band will begin at £36,375.

Statistical bias is compounded by diagrammatic bias. Mr Kaletsky's diagram of marginal tax rates, which has been widely reproduced, ignores the abolition of the NIC's entry fee", and is drawn so that the 90 per cent of the population who gain under Labour are confined to 10 per cent of the space, and 90 per cent of the space is devoted to the 10 per cent who will contribute more.

he diagram embodies the persistent muddle between the burden of tax and the marginal rate of taxation. The burden of taxation is measured by the average rate -- the proportion of total income paid in tax. Under Mr Smith's proposals a married man with no other allowances has a Mr Healey, and so is better off, up to a £33,000 income.

The impact of Mr Smith's budget on so-called "middle-class incomes" today should be considered using the IFS population survey technique, which looks at real families. This shows more than half the families earning £26,000 to £31,000 a year will be better off under Mr Smith's proposals, and one in three families earning £31,000 to £52,000

also gain. Hardly a hammering of the middle classes. The truth about Mr Smith's proposals has been spelt out by the IFS and Labour. Not only do eight out of ten families gain, but the average burden of all tax would be lower in 1992 (36.25 per cent) than when John Major was Chancellor (37.25 per cent). Mr Smith's proposals do not rep-

resent the "biggest ever increase in taxation" as the Conservative party has claimed. That, as Mr Kaletsky noted, was imposed by Geoffrey Howe in 1981. Nor do Mr Smith's proposals make Britain more highly taxed than other leading industrial countries in Europe — average tax rates are broadly in line with France and Germany. Finally, much has been said about the impact of Mr Smith's plans on "middle income". Someone in the middle of the income distribution earns £13,480; 50 per cent of full-time employees earn than that. Everyone on middle income, and well above, will gain from Mr Smith's budget.

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Treuhand expands to export its errors

→ he German Treuhand, which will go down in the history books as the world's most indebted holding company, is ex-

panding into eastern Europe.

The agency responsible for the privatisation of former east German state combines is setting up a subsidiary to advise other eastern Europeans on how to privatise their enterprises. More to the point, as Birgit Breuel, the Treuhand president, has come close to admitting, the Treuhand will prove most useful on the issue of how not to privatise. That is a subject Treuhand officials are familiar with after numerous scandals, frauds and increasing outbreaks of public discontent.

After almost two years of hectic privatisation, east Germany's un-derlying unemployment is the high-est in eastern Europe, and there are few signs of improvement. Some heretics have even dared to suggest that the approach to privatisation might not have been correct.

The new subsidiary, Treuhand Osteuropa Beratungsgesellschaft, is to help Russia, in particular, with its enormous privatisation task. The consultancy will, appropriately, take the form of a non-profitable organisation. Eastern Europeans might. however, be asking themselves whether they need even more good advice on top of what they already receive from a confusing number of western institutions.

The Treuhand model of privatisation involves wholesale selling of companies, normally to the highest bidders but not always. The organ-isation gobbles up debts, yet despite the sale of several thousand firms, it has done little to lift the east Germans out of their economic misery.

eonid Abalkin, a former Soviet deputy prime minister, was once asked whether the Treuhand model might be the right approach for Russia. He said: "We capable of making our own mistakes, we do not need to repeat yours." East Germany and the rest of eastern Europe differ substantially, because east Germany introduced Europe's hardest currency overnight, and subsequently received massive subsidies from the

What, precisely, the Treuhand has to offer eastern Europe is unclear. One of Frau Breuel's pieces of advice is to stop speculators. "Eastern Europe has to learn to stop letting gold diggers get their hands on property, she says. The Treuhand has been accused

of selling the "good bits" to west German companies, and only then turning abroad to ture foreign investors. This might not be a wholly fair criticism, but the Treuhand has itself to blame, since it began with a German-first approach.

In any event, as the Treuhand becomes more controversial inside Germany, the Germans are trying to export their model abroad. East Europeans had better remember Dr

WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU European Business Correspondent

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Boxing not so clever

stockbroker may be dull at times, but Tim Loughton, one of the City's most able exponents, seems to have gone to extremes to find excitement. Loughton, a director of Fleming private asset manage-ment, is contesting the staunchly Labour seat of Sheffield Brightside, and has spent the past formight trying to woo voters. A film crew from Yorkshire Television persuaded him to dress as a boxer last week to parody the "double-whammy" Tory poster that hits out at the supposed threat of higher taxes and higher inflation. Decked in blue shorts and gloves, he was thrust into the ring for a "friendly" spar with Brendan Ingle, a Yorkshire trainer and avowed socialist. As the cameras rolled, Ingle's feelings seem to have got the better of him, and the hapless Loughton was soon laid out on the canvas. "It was humiliating rather than painful." says Loughton, aged 29, who looks none the worse for his

Ronsons rally

AS GERALD Ronson, Britain's 16th richest man, prepares for a crucial meeting with his bankers on Friday, his family appears to be rallying round. Ronson and his wife, Gail, were treated to Sunday lunch by their daughter, Lisa, a broker at Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Lisa, aged 22, signed her credit card voucher with a smile at Mezzaluna, an Italian restaurant close to the family's £5 million mansion in Hamp-



The way out? Follow the blue arrows."

stead Garden Suburb, north-London Ronson is asking for more time to repay Heron International's £1.2 billion of debt.

Stora still grows BO BERGGREN, president

of Stora, Europe's largest paper and pulp company, made clear while visiting fund managers in London recently that his company still means business, despite its incredible age. After making DM I.45 billion from the sale of the stainless steel to dynamite divisions of Feldmühle Nobel, the German conglomerate, last year, Stora is planning more acquisitions on the continent if history is anything to go by. German companies had best be on their guard. Stora grew into one of the world's biggest forest products companies after buying vast tracts of woodland to supply its Falun copper mine in central Sweden. The mine is soon to close after operating for 1,000 years. The once profitable mine had its heyday in the

17th century, at the height of the Thirty Years War, which saw Swedish armies laying waste to the German countryside. Asked if Stora's plans for expansion can be likened to that epic war, Berggren says: "Yes, we financed it."

Classic bikes sale

SAD memories will be evoked

on April 26 when Sotheby's auctions 17 classic motorbikes, which belonged to John Foulston, the late multi-millionaire. Foulston, onetime owner of Brands Hatch, was killed at the age of 40 in a racing accident at Silverstone in 1987. By a cruel twist of fate, Atlantic Computers, the computer leasing company he had turned into a stock market star in the early Eighties, was one of the most infamous failures of that decade. Bought by John Gunn the year after Foulston's death. Atlantic's collapse triggered the demise of Gunn's British & Commonwealth empire.

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Nowhere in the article can I see any reference to technology or to training. There is an oblique reference at the end to the need for a well trained workforce but this hides the enormity of the training task and the investment this requires. If the captains of industry do not recognise the need for the rapid adoption of modern manufacturing technology and the education and training that go with it, what hope is there for the rest of us?

In last year's report, the Cabinet Office Advisory

nology stated: "A greater effort to improve public attitudes towards science and technology is in the interests of the whole country, since such attitudes can significantly affect the long-term health of the economy. But the prime initiative should come from the leaders of the scientific and industrial community, who should do more

the cost of the time and effort

spent in attending to this

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vocations " Unless and until the industrial and educational communities recognise and act upon the need actively to promote the study of technology from an early stage, we cannot hope to produce industrial personnel with the relevant skills to cope with "the manu-facturing challenge".

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ment and importance of their

Yours faithfully, J. V. HARSTEIN, 18 Portsdown Avenue.

BUSINESS LETTERS Health insurers behave like mad March hares

From W. David Sir, While it is good for the image of private medicine to

trumpet a return to overall profitability, the core business, health insurance, is threatened by the growing discrimination against direct subscribers.

An individual or a family is now paying an extra 60 per

cent and more for cover than the costs charged to a company for insuring an employee with the same profile. Since a claim is a claim, is a

claim, there are no administrative savings with a group - indeed, the reverse if protracted negotiations are costed. Effectively, individuals, now facing a further rise

pany employees. The insurers are displaying the economics - and the political acumen - of mad March hares.

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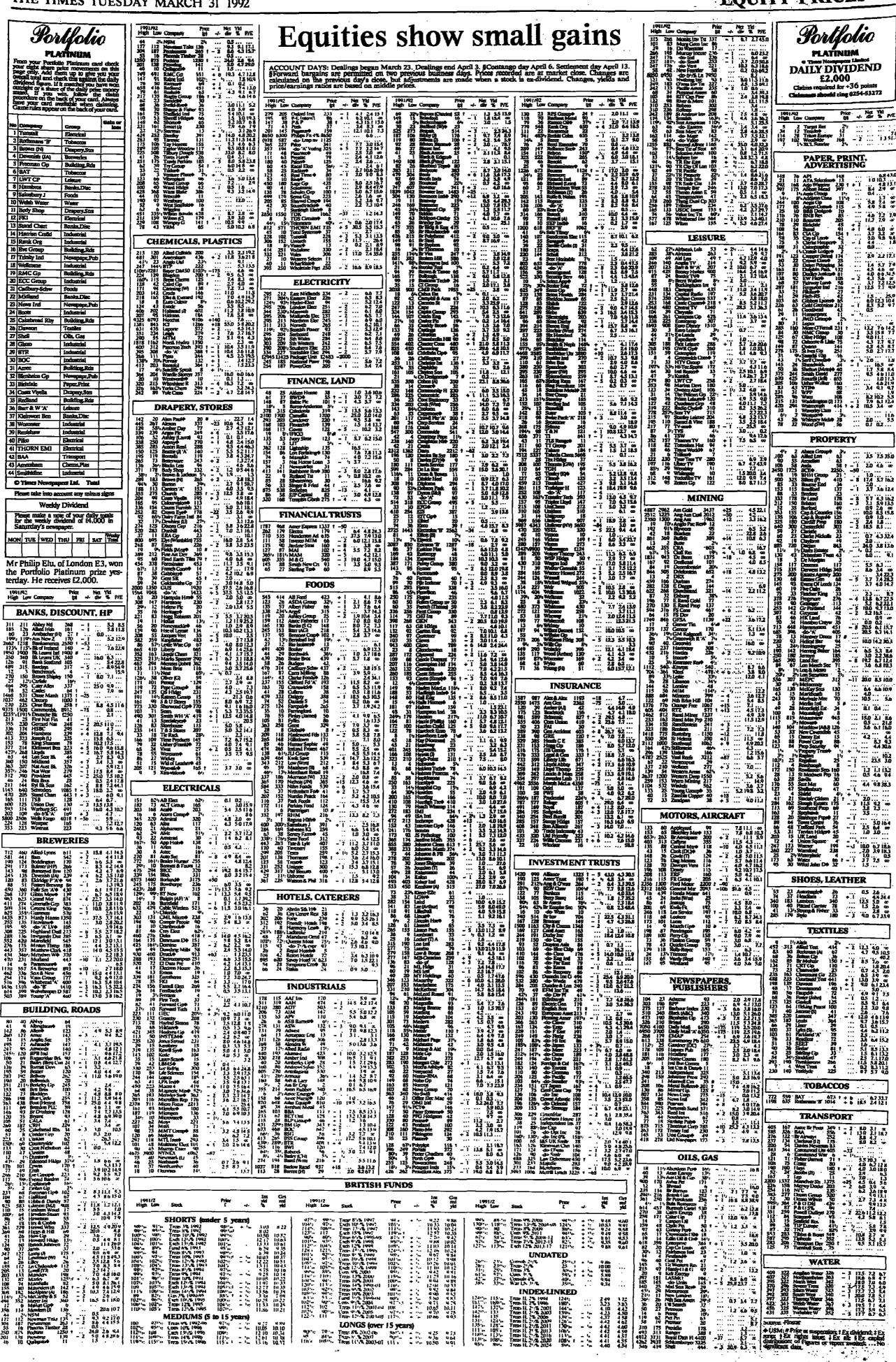
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inigators (especially those qualified 2-4 years) to meet the demand.

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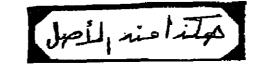
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Fair game, foul play

as he, or hasn't he? Does she, or doesn't she? With general elections approaching in Britain and America, new questions are asked in legal circles on both sides of the Atlantic about a candidate's right to privacy and the public's right to know.

The public in both countries are now understandably obsessed with economic issues. We have been mired in a worldwide recession for more than two years. General Motors recently reported a record \$4.45 billion (£2.6 billion) loss for 1991, together with the statement that it would close 21 factories employing more than 17,300 workers by the mid-1990s. Economic indicators are down. Consumer confidence has plummeted. Un-

employment has soared.

President Bush reassures Americans that he cares deeply about the economy. And John Major is selling his formidable image as an experi-enced economic hand who can deal shrewdly with the Euro-pean Community. Lest we be carried away by the economic aspects, there is another explosive topic the sex lives of the candidates. As Yeats mused, How can I/ that girl standing there/ my attention fix/ on Roman or on Russian/ or on Spanish politics?"

Clinton appeared with his lawyer wife on national television in January to deny he had had a 12-year relationship with Gennifer Flowers, a nightclub singer, one wonders whether sex has not become

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the real issue in this campaign. Clinton maintained that Ms Flowers was no more than a "friendly acquaintance". But questions like "did he ever?", "is it really relevant?", and "was he lying?", tend to domi-nate the public dialogue.

The voyeurism seems endless, although apparently not in one case. Johnny Carson. the television chat-show host, quipped that Paul Tsongas, a dour former senator from Massachusetts without charisma, was the only candidate who "you can be sure never

You would think that there

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THE Charities Act 1992

sneaked onto the statute book

just before the election put an

end to parliamentary business. But moves in the Europe-

an Parliament may soon result in another upheaval for regu-

lation of the voluntary sector.

anisations) statute is just starting a legislative process in

Europe and will aim to enable

charities to take advantage of

the single market. Without a

Europe-wide framework, it is

feared, organisations will set

up headquarters in countries

combined, should beware.

While the electorate will pro-

nounce judgment on politic-

ians, farmers will be subject to

The proposal for a European associations (voluntary org-

Should the public know everything about the private lives of candidates for public office. James D. Zirin asks

might be better things to talk the publication was actually

Indiscretions among our leaders are nothing new. Grover Cleveland fathered an illegitimate child. FDR and Kennedy were said to have had mistresses while in the White House. Eisenhower was supposed to have had an affair while in charge of the European Theatre of Operations. And there are the stories about Lloyd George. In Eng-land, prominent public officials such as Cecil Par-

kinson, Allan Green and Paddy Ashdown have succumbed to the sins of the flesh — although the inquiry and the scrutiny appear more restrained than in the United States. where the tabloid press

and the respectable press often create a feeding frenzy in their search for salacious material. The explanation may lie in the differing legal standards in the two countries. In England, libel laws are still a restraint on journalists, and the same stan-dards apply to both private persons and public figures. In the US, the Supreme

Court has ruled under the First Amendment, which public figure may not main-tain an action for libel unless there is established by "clear and convincing evidence" that



Clinton: denied relationship with Flowers, right

legislatures to protect journal-ists in their news-gathering activities. No comparable laws known to be false or "with reckless disregard of whether it was false or not". Tough exist in England.

Nina Totenberg, a National

Public Radio reporter, recently subpoemaed by a Senate inqui-ry into illegal leaks in the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill

affair, refused to reveal her sources on First Amendment

grounds. She stated that to

answer questions about how

she obtained information

for her report, which sen-

ators or aides she spoke to,

and whether she spoke to anyone in the White

House about Anita Hill

would threaten the rights of the press to inform the public about

the workings of govern-

Ms Totenberg said: "I will

not be a party to this effort,

even if it costs me my liberty."

A matter of principle. But is

the game worth the candle? Is

the public entitled to have can-

didates for office make full dis-

closure of their private lives as

Are sexual peccadilloes or

ambiguities to be taken as

disclosable events to titillate as

about the candidate's qualifi-

cations? And is the press en-

titled to investigate whether

the disclosure is truthful or

complete, with a protection against libel suits if they write

a faise report and against source disclosure - even if

they obtain or purchase infor-

mation in breach of confi-

Governor Clinton's wife.

Hillary, in a televised appearance in January, pleaded for a "zone of privacy for every-body". After all, what kind of

people will run for office in the face of such scrutiny?

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cious or the holier-than-thou?

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Will the American electors

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they disclose their tax returns

or their finances?

standard. A public figure need not even be a public official. Such figures are those who have thrust themselves to the forefront of particular public con-troversies in order to influence the resolution of the issues involved". The rule is intended

The press creates a feeding frenzy in the search for salacious material

to prevent the threat of libel actions from imposing selfcensorship on a free press.

A number of "public figures", ranging from William F. Buckley, the newspaper columnist, to Ariel Sharon, the Israeli general, have lost libel cases because of this rigorous

The constitutional guarantee of a free press has also been held to protect journalists from court proceedings. In many states, this constitutional guarantee has been reaffirmed in "shield laws" enacted by the

Better the candidate of vision and courage who may have sumbled along the way than

policy and no commitment will ever stick. Of course, there is a difference between false information and false opinion. The Supreme Court has held that "under the First Amendment, there is no such thing as a false idea. However pernicious an opinion may seem, we depend on its correction, not on the conscience of judges and juries but on the competition of other ideas".

Thus, a statement of opinion such as "Bosh does not care about the poor" is constitutionally protected, while a statement of fact, such as "Clinton is an adulterer" should be actionable if false. American courts, however, tend to protect press freedom to report and repeat even unfounded charges of a news-

While there seem to be more legal restraints on the press in England than in the US, so long as the public is at least as preoccupied with sex as with the economy, private lives of political figures will catch the national conscience.

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Listening to a case for the children

BRIEF

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DAVIES

THE Children Act 1989 promised that the voice of the child would be heard above all others. Courts have to focus on the child as an individual and ascertain his or her wishes and give them due weight.

In public law this is relatively easy. Since the introduction of guardians ad litem who report on and make recommendations on the welfare of children in care proceedings and the solicitors who represent them, their

voices are heard very clearly.

Not so, however, in private law, where justices, instead of being able to appoint a guardian, must rely on a court welfare report from the probation service. This may seem fair enough, yet we have been asked not to request them unless absolutely necessary, to

prevent the probation service becoming snowed under with work.

Leaving aside any prejudicial aspect of delay, also enshrined in the Children Act, justices are finding that all private cases involving children old enough to understand the situation need a report. Take the case of a father who had access to his 11-year-old daughter under the previous legislation. His former wife is preventing her staying with the father at weekends. He applies for a "contact" order. Mother does not oppose some contact but says the child must not stay with him because she returns disturbed and upset by the visit. Obviously, a report is necessary, but is the probation service the most suitable vehi-cle through which to obtain it?

"People join the probation service because they wish to work with criminals and their families," says Janet Digby Baker, a guardian ad litem, who has also worked for the probation service and as a

court welfare officer. "Some can and do specialise in welfare work, but the civil service ethos of probation means they are likely to be drafted into other fields of service." The probation service is already grasping the problem and in inner London it now has

four specialist teams. By organising separate offices and making them more childfriendly, the service hopes to be less off-putting than before. None the less, the amount of in-depth social work experience required in these cases seems more suited to

the skills of a guardian.

Janet Digby Baker and other guardians are now being called on by parents to produce a report, which leaves them in an invidious situation. Being employed by one or other of the parties, rather than appointed by the court, is difficult. "I cannot compromise my integrity," she says. "I write to the solicitor of the person employing me and then to the other party's solicitor. I point out that the only recommendation I can give will

be that which is in the best interests of the children." In fact, she is advising and recommending - not as a guardian, but as

This is one way in which solicitors are dealing with the problem of no guardians in private law matters. The family law committee of the Law Society, which would like guardians to have been appointed, is considering whether to try to formalise such a system of expert witnesses.

Jane Hern, the committee secretary, says:

"In some cases, solicitors have been able to get another solicitor to represent the child in divorce and matrimonial proceedings. These solicitors have, in their turn, been able to instruct a guardian as an expert witness. Is this the best way? Do we have a chance of getting it? These seem almost rhetorical questions, given the inevitable problem of

resources and the fact that the cooperation of legal aid offices will be essential. But, if a child is of sufficient age and understanding to be joined as a party to the proceedings, it seems that guardians will come into these cases. In these circumstances, why not let the court

appoint them in the first place? I cannot leave the subject of the voice of the child without also looking at the voice of the woman who seeks a remedy against domestic violence under the new legislation. If married and living together, the wife can get a family prorection order at the magistrates court. Should the husband break the terms of the order. he can be arrested. If unmarried and living together there is a similar remedy to be found in

the county court. Unfortunately, if a couple is separated, the only answer to threats or physical violence is to apply for a "prohibited steps" order stopping contact.
This is because the definition of a prohibited steps order is such that it can only prevent an act a parent can do in meeting parental responsibilities. And violence can hardly be said to be a function of parental responsi-bility. Contact with a child is part of parental responsibility, so the court can stop contact;

but magistrates' courts have no injunction powers to "back up" a prohibited steps order. Occasionally, in London, the Legal Aid Board has granted legal aid certificates for prohibited steps orders on condition that application be made to the magistrates. Such an administrative decision seems to make little sense in such circumstances, and less so when the application for the order is to prevent a threatened child snatch. Such cases obviously need the greater powers of the county court.

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Rough justice A CHARTER for homeless people will be launched at St

where fiscal and regulatory James's church, Piccadilly, on authorities are less strict. Friday. A campaign to include Fraud experts DENTON Hall has set up a specialist group to handle



Homeless and out on the street: but why voteless?

citizens' rights began earlier this month; because individuals without an address are usually denied access to the electoral roll, many homeless people cannot vote.

That's practical NOTTINGHAM Polytechnic's Law School has become the first institution to win Law Society approval to offer the new skills-based vocational course replacing the finals course for would be solicitors

throughout the country. The Legal Practice Course comes in at Nottingham in September 1993 - with a maximum of 500 students. Professor Nigel Savage, the head of the law school, said the

Law Society's decision to bring in the new skills-based course would have a "radical impact" on the quality of legal education. The course devised at Not-

tingham had a "real relevance" to all tyes of practice: subjects range from commercial law and corporate finance to family law, child care, housing law and environmental litigation.

Cut price LAW firms are finding it increasingly hard to pay the fees of the compulsory Law Society continuing education courses.

less money from training bud-gets on the more specialised courses for young solicitors in their early years. Cadmus, one of the main providers of such courses, has

therefore substantially cut the cost of its compulsory Law Society courses. The "best practice" programme, for instance, is cut from £230, plus VAT, to £150, plus VAT, to help firms continue to send young lawyers on the specialist

Cat rap A WOMAN in Atlanta is

suing her neighbourhood property manager for \$10,200 (£5,800), saying that he was a hit-man hired to smuff out her cat, the National Law Journal reports.

The plaintiff, Sue Brown, says that the defendant, Clar-

ence White, lured her cat with food, then "deprived the feline of its life without regards to the feelings of the feline and the emotional stress" it would cause its owner.

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Poles in front of the former headquarters of the disbanded Communist Party that denied them rights, which they are now regaining with a legal framework Democratic Poland has been setting up a fair legal structure. George Dobry, QC, looks at progress

rogresss in Poland cannot be achieved without an appropriate legal framework Wieslaw Chrzanowski, the recently appointed speaker of the Polish Seim and former minister of justice, undertormer muse-stands this well.

THE SHAPE Like many leading Polish law-yers, he knows justice from the inside; he spent six years as a political prisoner between 1948 and 1954. He knows the importance of amending the Polish wompany law and the civil code to bring it into the modern international trading world. That is now being done. He also believes there is more to law and order and protection of individual rights than the drafting of commercial con-tracts. The re-creation of a strong, independent judiciary is at the

heart of the matter. Before 1990, more than 60 per cent of Poland's professional judges were Communist Party members. It is not practicable nor desirable to dismiss them all; ex-communist judges must be better than no judges. On a recent visit, I did not have the impression that Mr Chrzanowski, or Professor Adam Strzembosz, the distinguished First President of the Supreme Court, were much worried about the standards of the Supreme Court, especially since a third tier of appeal is proposed. Yet it is doubtful whether the Polish High Court can yet deal with heavy commercial litigation; so far, there is no prospect of creating a commercial court. Some ministers and leading

A justice system for the Poles

glo-Polish arbitration court in Warsaw. There is the alternative of Warsaw arbitrations linked to the arbitration courts in London, and enforced, if need be, in England. In criminal law, there is no lack of expertise. Courts of trial include local courts, which deal with criminal and civil matters and act as family and industrial courts.

Judges sit alone or with assessors, and there are regional courts for important criminal and civil cases.
The judges' salaries seem miniscule by British standards. Yet Poland's justice ministry is troubled neither by their level, nor by the youth (some are in their twenties) or lack of experience of some recent appointees. Mr Chrzanowski points out that salaries are higher than those of ministers, and the younger generation are in many ways more reliable than some of those who served under the communist regime.

Polish judges now have life tenure. Promotion or appointment to a judge of a higher court requires a majority vote of the general assembly of the regional court, and

approval of the National Council of the Judiciary, which proposes two candidates for one vacancy. The appointment is made by the president of the republic. Critics allege that giving judges life tenure has led to a slowing of litigation.

The Chrzanowski reforms in-cluded the handing over of control for pre-trial detention to the courts and the re-privatisation of notarial services, the continental equivalent of conveyancing.

Partnership law, modelled in some respects on German law, is also being reformed. Much importance is attached to this. Legislative reform is somewhat hampered by lack of parliamentary draughts-men. One area that has been neglected is property and envi-ronmental law, with which legal help from Britain would be of mense benefit.

After the recent elections, Mr Chrzanowski became the Speaker of the Sejm. His task will be particularly difficult because the provisional parliament elected in 1989 had many experienced lawyers who helped to draft legislation. But there are doubts about whether the

20,000 "legal advisers". Under the communist regime, state enterprises employed lawyers with university degrees, but without the long training qualified advocates re-quire. These advisers practised before tribunals that adjudicated on disputes between state enterprises. They are now claiming, and likely to obtain, some rights of audience in the courts.

In the establishment in Poland of

Western law firms, the Americans and the French have played a greater part than the British, perhaps because they were less re-strained by recession. The recent move of Clifford Chance to Warsaw will go some way to remedying this

and will be widely welcomed.

Of the several bilateral legal societies that have sprung up with Eastern Europe, the first and most active was the Polish Legal Association, founded within weeks of the Poles regaining independence. British-Polish activities include the Warsaw commercial law seminar in January 1990, the privatisation of property round-tables in Oxford in 1990 and in Warsaw in 1991, and an informal judicial visit.

The Law Society and the British Council have given the British Institute in Warsaw a complete law library; and the project of creating a British Law Centre at Warsaw University, with backing from judges and academics, will probably be set up this year.

His Honour George Dobry, CBE, QC, is president of the British-Polish Legal Association. contributing. Then there are about

Clean sweep for grime fighters

Rubbish in British streets should soon be a dim memory because of new legislation

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eaps of uncontrolled rubbish and waste in the streets from shops or other commercial or industrial premises should soon be a thing of the past. From tomorrow, anybody who produces, treats, disposes of or transports waste will be under a duty of care to dispose of it and store it safely and securely.

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What amounts to waste? English legislation defines it in wide terms and includes scrap, by-products and rejected products. The key phrase, "controlled waste", means virtually all waste, apart from that from mines and quarries, from agricultural premises, explosives and most radioactive waste (under separate control).

The duty has been drafted to be self-policing; no regulatory authority has been told to enforce the duty. It aims to prevent other people committing controlled waste of-fences, to prevent controlled waste escaping, and to ensure the transfer of controlled waste with a transfer note and an adequate written description, to a registered carrier, authorised disposer or an exempt person such as the local council. The person transferring waste

must ensure that the carrier or disposer is registered. The only effec-tive way of doing so is by actually seeing the registration document. Often, the problem is more likely to

be with a carrier, given for example that "fly-tipping" is a problem. There is thus a very good chance that somebody could be trans-ferring "controlled waste", therefore coming under the duty of care under the Act, when in fact they do not realise that what they are dealing with is "waste".

The documents at the centre of

the duty of care are the transfer note and the waste description. These have to be completed and handed over at the time of transfer of the waste between producer and carrier, and carrier and disposer. The note has to identify the waste, the quantity and whether it is loose or in a container, the type of container, the time and place of transfer, the name and address of the transferer and the receiver, and

whether any exemptions apply.

The transferer and the receiver have to keep copies of the transfer note (and the waste description if it is a separate document) for two years after the date of transfer.

The helpful environment department code of practice, available from HMSO, describes how to comply with the duty. Of particular interest is that all waste holders must keep the waste safe against escape or spillage due to any cause, including bad weather, vandals, thieves, animals and trespassers. This will cause obvious problems with waste left for collection outside premises and material being blown off rubbish skips.

difficult area could be that of contracts because the code recommends that when a producer believes there to be a problem, he should cease to use that carrier or disposer. This could leave the producer open to an action for a breach of contract, unless he protected himself at the outset by ensuring that compliance with the duty of care was a fundamental condition of the con-

Unfortunately, most industrial concerns operate on the standard terms and conditions of their carrier or disposer, and most people will have little idea what the provisions of those terms and conditions are. This will have to change.

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[Judgment March 25] A transsexual, identified as B, was a victim of French count decisions which were contrary to her right to respect for her private European Convention on Hu-man Rights. The European Court of Human Rights so held by 15

B found herself daily in a situation which, taken as a whole, was not compatible with the re-spect due to her private life. Consequently, even having regard to the state's margin of appreciation, the fair balance which had to be struck between esis of the individual had not

Article 8 of the Convention provides: 1. Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life. his home and his "2 There shall be no interfer-

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country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others."

The applicant was born in Algeria in 1935 and registered at birth as of male sex, with the forenames Norbert Antoine. From a very early age she be-haved like a female, because she identified herself as such and was regarded as a girl by her family. After completing military service, she went in 1963 to Paris, where she now lived, and worked in the entertainment industry.

She was treated for depression from 1963 to 1967 and then had hormone therapy which brought about the feminisation of her appearance. She underwent sex change surgery in Morocco in 1972 and since then had been living with a man whom she would like to marry. In 1978 she brought proceed-

ings for a declaration that she was of female sex and for rectification of her birth certificate, so as to record her change of sex and her new female forenames Lyne Antoinette. The Libourne Tribunal de Grande Instance refused her application in November 1979 by the Bordeaux Court of Appeal Cassation in March 1987.

Her official documents, including her passport, identity card and driving licence, were in the name of Norbert B and her social security card had a code number used for persons of male sex.

ly to secure a friendly settlement, the European Commission of Human Rights drew up a report on September 6, 1990, in which it established the facts and exressed the opinion that there

ed been a violation of article 8 of the Convention (17 votes to 1) but not of article 3 (15 votes to 3). The case was referred to the Court by the Commission on

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held as I Jurisdiction to examine the

November 12, 1990.

Government's preliminary objec-tions and the merits of those A Jurisdiction The Court saw no reason, as

matters stood, to abandon a line of case law which had been

followed constantly for over 20 years. It therefore considered, by 16 votes to 5, that it had jurisdic tion to examine the Government's preliminary objections, even though the European Com-mission of Human Rights had requested the Court not to do so. The Commission had argued that the Court's case law on that point had two important conse-quences: it rendered more bur-densome the proceedings of the Convention institutions and cre-ated a further lack of equality

missibility by the Commission.

B Preliminary objections

I Fagure to exhaust domestic remedies (article 26)

between governments and appli-cants as the latter were not able to

right to respect for her private life before the Libourne Tribunat de Grande Instance and the Bor-

deaux Court of Appeal.
The Court of Cassation had not declared her ground of appeal inadmissible because of novelty but had rejected it as being illfounded. The Court therefore dis-

missed the objection of failure to exhaust domestic remedies. 2 Whether the application was out of time

The applicant had submitted to the Court of Cassation a point of law relating to article 8. Furthermore, there had been no consistent case law at the time to show in advance that her appeal

An appeal to the Court of Cassation was after all in princi-ple one of the remedies which should be exhausted in order to comply with article 26 of the ntion and had at the very least had the effect of postponing the starting point of the sixmonth period

The Court therefore also dismissed the objection that the application was out of time.

application was out of time.

If The merits

A Alleged violation of article 8

According to the applicant, the refusal to recognise her true semal identity infringed her right to respect for her private life, as guaranteed by article 8.

The Court potent first of all that The Court noted first of all that the notion of respect enshrined in article 8 was not clear-cut. That was the case especially where the positive obligations implicit in that concept were concerned, as

in the instant case (see Rees v UK (The Times October 26.

1986; Series A No 106, p14, paragraph 35) and Cossey v UK (The Times October 17, 1990; Series A No 184, p15, paragraph 36)] and its requirements would vary considerably from case to case according to the practices

followed and the situations ob-taining in the contracting states. In determining whether or not such an obligation existed, regard had to be had to the fair balance that had to be struck between the general interest and the interests of the individual (see in particular

developments relating to The Court considered that it was undeniable that with respect to transsexualism attitudes had changed, science had progressed and increasing importance was attached to the problem.

Cossey at p15, paragraph 37).

1 Scientific, legal and societal

It noted, however, in the light of the studies carried out and work done by experts, that there still remained some uncertainty as to the essential nature of isto and that the legitimacy of surgical intervention in such cases was sometimes

The legal situations resulting therefrom were moreover exmely complex and there was as yet no sufficiently broad consen-sus between the member states of the Council of Europe to per-suade the Court to reach opposite conclusions to those in Rees and

and English systems The Court found that there reference to their law and practice on civil status, change of forenes, use of identity documents.

Civil states Rectification of civil status

Nothing would have prevented the insertion, once judgment had been given, in Miss B's birth certificate of an annotation whose purpose was to reflect her present position.

Numerous French courts of first instance and courts of appeal had already ordered similar insertions to be made in the cases of other transsexuals. The Court of Cassation had adopted a contrary position in its case law but that could change.
It was true that the applicant

had undergone the surgical oper-ation abroad, without the benefit of all the medical and psychological safeguards now required in

The operation had nevertheless involved the irreversible abandonment of the external marks of her original sex. The Court con-sidered that in the circumstances of the case the applicant's manifest determination was a factor which was sufficiently significant to be taken into account, together with other factors, with reference m article 8.

fil Change of forenames
The judgments supplied to the
Court by the Government did indeed show that non-recognition of a change of sex did not

flect his or her physical

However, that case law had not been settled at the time when the Libourne and Bordeaux courts gave their rulings. It did not appear to be settled even now, as the Court of Cassation had apparently never had an occasion to

confirm it.
The refusal to allow the appli cant the change of forename requested by her was therefore also a relevant factor from the point of view of article 8. b) Documents

The Court found that the inconveniences which the applicant suffered as a result of the discrepancy between her legal sex as mentioned in various official documents and her apparent ses reached a sufficient degree of seriousness to be taken into account for the purposes of article 8.

The Court thus reached the conclusion, on the basis of the above-mentioned factors which distinguished this case from the Rees and Cossey cases, and without it being necessary to consider the applicant's other arguments, that she found herself daily in a situation which, taken as a whole, was not compatible with the respect due to her private

Consequently, even having regard to the state's margin of appreciation, the fair balance which had to be struck between the general interest and the interests of the individual had not been attained, and there was thus a violation of article 8 (Judges

Matscher. Pinheiro Farinha. Pettiti. Valticos. Loizou and

Morenilla dissenting). The respondent state had several means to choose from for remedying that state of affairs. It was not the Court's function to indicate which was the most

B Article 3

Before the Commission. Miss B had also claimed that she had been treated by the law in a manner which was both inhuman and degrading within the meaning of article 3.

She had not repeated that

complaint since and the Court therefore did not consider it necessary to examine the question of its own motion.

111 Application of article 50

A Damage The Court considered, by 15 tes to 6, that Miss B had suffered non-pecuniary damage as a result of the situation found in the judgment to be contrary to the Convention, and awarded her Ffr100,000.

On the other hand, it unani-mously dismissed her claims relating to pecuniary damage. Her difficulty in finding work because of having to disclose her circumstances, although real, was not

B Costs and expenses The Court considered by 15 votes to 6, on the basis of the criteria laid down in its case law, that the respondent state should reimburse the applicant the en-tire amount claimed, namely

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America's Cup syndicates try to trim the sales



Koch: costs 'obscene'

AS THE semi-finals of the America's Cup defender and challenger series continue, there is untypical harmony among the yacht syndicates and the organisers of the San Diego regatta. They all agree that the cup greatly needs to improve its public image. and to cost less, to retain its place as the world's greatest yachting event.

In downtown San Diego, you would hardly know the America's Cup was on: a group of people at the bus stop outside the media centre told me they thought it was a golf tournament.

6,000 yachts on marinas in San Diego harbour and the city has produced many great sailors besides Dennis Conner - world champions and Olympic medal winners such as Lowell North, Malin Burnham and Robbie Haines. But even the local sailing community has turned its back on the event. There is a strong anti-Conner feeling and disappointment at the lack of access, even though you see sailing-mad kids climbing

trees to get a look over the

high security fences into

compounds patrolled by

ers and defenders to henceforth prohibit concealing the underbodies of the yachts when they are hauled out from the water - from the start of the trials right through to the end of the cup match - eliminating not only the secrecy and the costly security that maintains it. but also the surveillance "industry" that includes desperate freelance journalists as

The first step towards im-

proving the cup's image was

agreement by the challeng-

well as rival syndicates. There was also agreement that next time the shore bases must be concentrated and have a high degree of

public access — as they were in Fremantle in 1986-7 — to generate public interest outside the sailing community.

Containing the costs is not so easy. "It would be no different if we had stuck with Twelve Metres," according to Ken McAlpine, the technical director of the International America's Cup Class. "You cannot stop people throwing money at the boats, no matter what they are."

Syndicates with low budgets, of around £4.5 million. like Syd Fischer's Challenge Australia and the Darling Harbour Yacht Club's Spirit of Australia, eliminated after sailing 18 and 19 races, reabout £900 a minute for their racing.

The biggest-spending syndicates are, not surprisingly, the four semi-finalists in the challenger eliminations -Nippon, New Zealand, Il Moro di Venezia and Ville de Paris - plus Bill Koch's America3 defender syndicate. Koch, who has more than 200 people on his payroll, has said the costs are "obscene", has capped his budget at about E31 million, and has said the budget of the Italian II Moro syndicate, officially listed at about

£25 million, is really more

than £80 million. The Ital-

spectively, would have spent ians say much of that has gone into boat-building and associated industries that will remain profitable enterprises.

The budget for the Nippon challenge, funded by 30 big sponsors, is officially about £23 million, and the French yacht. Ville de Paris, is funded by the City of Paris and Legris Industries to a £20 million budget. The New Zealand budget is considential but, like the Japanese and Italians, it has built four yachts and been in residence in San Diego for a year.

Where does the money go? It costs £1.7 million to put one of the new International

fully outfitted, into the water. The biggest expenditure. however, is in running costs. about £140,000 per month for a low-budget programme like Spirit of Australia's.

Iain Murray. Spirit's syndicate head, said: "People, whether or not you pay them, still cost a lot. You have to house them, feed them, keep them in clothing, transport them. A review is needed as to why some syndicates have such large teams. We have to get back to the basics of crew and support crew. It is maybe not our 30 people, it is certainly not America3's

ICE HOCKEY

Bees owe

victory to

brilliance

of Brine

By Norman de Mesquita

BRACKNELL Bees will need

good goaltending if they are to retain their premier divi-

sion status — and that is exactly what they got in their

3-1 away victory over Swin-

don Wildcats in the promo-

Gary Brine was in tremen-

dous form while Ian Wood-ward, his Swindon counter-

part, was not far behind. The

Bees also kept it tight in their

5-2 success over Slough Jets

at Amen Corner on Sunday.

The Heineken champion-ship play-offs were given an excellent start by Cardiff

Devils and Nottingham Pan-

thers in the televised match

on Friday, the Panthers gain-

ing two precious away points

Goaltending proved vital again, with David Graham

having one of his best games

of the season for the Panthers

while Jason Wood had a

nightmare for the Devils.

Another factor was the reluc-

tance of John Griffiths, the

Cardiff coach, to use his sec-

ond-line players, which led to

his imports showing fatigue

Discipline is also an impor-

tant ingredient if matches are

to be won. Telford Tigers,

unbeaten in their last 13 reg-

with a 7-5 win.

tion-relegation play-offs.

RUGBY UNION

Clubs pay heed to lessons from player's death

THE positive element to emerge from the distressing death last Saturday of John Howe, the West Hartlepool lock forward, is the prompt medical reaction of the Mor-ley club. When Howe collapsed early in the match between the two second-division clubs he was attended within seconds by three doctors and officials of both clubs are unanimous that little more could have been done.

Geraint Davies, the Liverpool referee who abandoned the match, stressed in his initial report to the Rugby Football Union (RFU) the impressive response to the accident. Though no figures are kept, except in the case of insurance claims, the union is aware of deaths through natural causes in rugby matches.

However, the incident will bring home to all clubs the need to ensure their medical facilities meet a minimum as well placed as Morley, both in terms of physicians available and the swift attendance

what basic first-aid equipment should be available at all clubs. For emergencies, Gilfeather recommends an oral-pharyngeal airway and an Ambu bag to assist respiration. "But if you have a cardiac arrest you have to have someone trained in basic cardiac pulmonary resuscitation and that's something members of the public can be trained to do, by the St John's Ambulance Brigade, so as to keep the patient going until

English colts retained

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tional season ends. Will Kefford, the Harlequins full back, recovered

ANDY Gregory may yet

change his mind and tour

Australasia this summer. The

Wigan scrum half, who is still

the top No. 7 in the game,

had "retired" from interna-

tional rugby league, saying

that he was exhausted and

jaded by playing all the year

round and wanted to spend

more time at his business and

However, after yet another brilliant performance in Sat-

urday's Silk Cut Challenge

Cup semi-final against

Bradford Northern, pressure

is being put on Gregory from

all sides to change his mind

with his family.

of the ambulance service and Ben Gilfeather, the England honorary doctor, makes the point that smaller, isolated clubs may be well served if members of the public can be trained in emergency techniques.
The RFU recommends

help arrives," he said. Howe, aged 28, was given a series of cardiac tests five years ago when he was living in London and playing for Saracens, after suffering peri-

week, will now be played next

October. The teams will field

the same players who would

ENGLAND COLTS: A Mandley (De La Sale); N Smith (Northampton), J Kaylar (Harloquina), D Edwards (Loughborough University, D O'Leary (West London Hill: P Burks (Loughborough University, capt), G Becconsall (Bristol); A Spry (Sidoup), C Johnson (Lelcester), P Donbarvand (Sadgley Park), J Wright (Northampton), C Websale (Northampton), C Yandski (Bairl), I McNerlin (Bristol), R Hill (Salisbury).

Gregory considers touring

him as Britain's outstanding

Yesterday, Gregory said: "I

have been flooded with tele-

phone calls from people urg-

ing me to change my mind and go on the tour. I will give

it a lot of thought and make a

Malcolm Reilly, the Great

Britain coach, is due to an-

nounce his touring squad ear-

ly next week and Reilly and

the tour manager, Maurice

Lindsay, are among those who have been speaking to

If Gregory does go on tour.

along with a considerable

number of his Wigan team-

mates, it will restore the club

decision this week."

match-winner.

have played this season.

ENGLAND retain the XV from injury, is a replacement. that completed the 15-15

The British Colleges Cup draw with Italy for their colts final between West London international against Wales Institute and Cardiff Insti-(David Hands writes). Phil Donbavand, the Sedgley Park prop, retains the place he occupied in Padua — when Neil McCarthy injured ankle ligaments - though McCarthy, from Bath, hopes to be available before the interna-

caused temporary black-outs, but the tests proved negative You do hear of people drop ping dead doing any kind of athletic activity." Gilfeather said, "and usually, though not always, there has been some kind of cardiac abnormality which has been lying dormant and could not have

been anticipated." Trevor Richmond, chairman of Morley, said: "We do make it a priority whenever we play that we have a physio-therapist and a doctor available. We have spent a significant amount of money on our medical facilities and, by coincidence, we have been looking to upgrade them. Our doctor really has carte blanche to ask for what she As a mark of respect, West

Hartlepool have cancelled their first XV fixture at Fylde on Saturday and withdrawn from the northern qualifying round, at Morley on Sunday, of the Worthington national sevens tournament. They have provisionally agreed with Morley for the aban-doned league match to be replayed on Wednesday, April 29, but only if the situation at the top and bottom of the second division demands

> their remaining games. against Wakefield and Liverpool St Helens, they are assured of promotion. If Morley win against Plymouth Albion and Bedford they should avoid relegation and the meeting with West Harde-pool will become superfluous unless they are required to play by the league organisers.

patnership with Shaun Ed-

ards at half back and con-

siderably enhance Great

Britain's chances of winning

the series in Australia, in ad

dition to qualifying for the

World Cup. Both Wigan and Widnes

were hit by injuries to key

players yesterday. The worst

sufferers were Widnes, whose

problems were aggravated by a dislocated shoulder suffered

by their international half

back, David Hulme, who is

ruled out for the rest of the

Kingston Rovers tomorrow

night, have Denis Betts

doubtful with a leg injury.

Wigan, who visit Hull

Pennell returns to lonely road

BY ALIX RAMBAY

JOHN Pennell has never done anything by halves. He ran his first marathon in 1984. That was in March. By October of the same year, he had run five races, including the New York Marathon, before hanging up his track shoes, changing jobs, gain-ing three stones in weight, and retiring to a life of lethargy.

"Then, having reached the grand old age of 50, I decided



I would do the London Marathon," he says. He made up for the eight years of in-activity by trying weight training and aerobics at his local gym to ease himself back into fitness. "It started modestly and now I have a full two-hour programme."

As if that was not enough, in the five weeks since he learned he had a race place at one of the *Times/Unisys* fund runners, he has radically changed his diet. lost 201b and has taken to the roads of Shropshire to start

Pennell may regard him-self as a man with "a history of doing stupid things", but he takes his cause seriously

He is running for the Alzheimer's Disease Association. In January, his father died at the age of 82 having suffered from a form of dementia similar to Alzheimer's. "I became acutely aware of a problem which isn't generally appre-ciated," he said. "In the over-80 age range one in five suffer from one form of

IF THAMES Valley Tigers have to concede the Carlsberg

League championship race to

Kingston in front of a capaci-

ty crowd at Tolworth tomor-

row night, Andy Gill, the

visiting coach, will hope that

it has nothing to do with contentious officiating.

Gill's protests were heard

loud and long after Tigers had lost the national cup final

to Kingston by 19 points three weeks ago. The officials,

Colin Gerrard and Fitzroy

Wallace, had tolerated Kings-



Ready for the road: Pennell ties up the loose ends before a training run

families and the carers also providing information and funding research pro-

Pennell's father had been a chartered engineer. "He was a businessman, a sharp fellow," Pennell said. "But by the end, he didn't know what day of the week it was. It's the families who suffer most and the Association works to provide relief for them."

Aiming to reach an initial target of £1,000, Pennell has every intention of "putting the squeeze on everyone can think of to better that

far too long, he alleged, to the

derision of the victorious

coach. Kevin Cadle, who

claimed that Kingston only

played the way they did

because they were allowed to.

was getting the better of Gill.

"Of course you can't lose a game by 19 points because of

the referees," he said, "but

this time we aim to take the

He greeted the news that

Howard Cleaton and Will

Jones will be in charge with:

"They're both good referees.

2 Cheimstord v Dover X Corby v Bromsgrovi X Dorchester v Dertion 1 Fisher v Wateri'ville

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINALS

Not on coupons; Airtine v Hearts (at Hampden Park); Celtic v Rangers (at Hampden Park today)

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Dundee U v S Johnst'n X Dunfmine v Aberdeen 1 Hibernien v Motherweil

SCOTTISH FIRST

2 Clydebenk v Ayr 2 Forlar v Rath 1 Klimamock v Partick 2 Meadowb'k v Dunde 1 Montrose v Stirling 1 Monton v Hamilton

SCOTTISH SECOND

referees out of any equation."

By yesterday, discretion

Gill hopes for well refereed contest

the first faltering attempts at running when he heard his place was confirmed — "I couldn't manage 50 yards" to the regular nine to 11-mile iaunts he now takes in his ment. stride, frequently running or cycling the 12-and-a-half miles from his home in Loggerheads to his office in

Bathroom Council. ☐ The Times and Unisys the official ADT London Marathon computer service - hope that by featuring the efforts of our team of fund

They'll do the job all right."
Some of the heat of tomor-

row's encounter has been tak-

en away, in any case, by the recent defeats suffered by Ti-

gers against Hemel Hemp-

stead Royals and London

Towers, who, as coincidence

would have it, are also hosts

to Kingston in Kingston's last two league fixtures next week-

end. The consequence of Ti-

gers' loss of form that was

only partially restored in Sat-

urday's unimpressive 92-84

home win over Derby Bucks.

is that Kingston will retain the league title even if they

FOOTBALL

Stoke-on-Trent where he is

the director of the British

dementia or another and the figure. In the meantime, he is runners we will help them to support one or more of them, write clearly stating your beneficiaries to The Times/Unisys London Marathon Appeal, Sports Depart-The Times. Pennington Street, London El 9XN. Please makes

cheques payable to the appropriate fund-runner and we will send on your dona-Unisys is offering a Unisys

personal computer to the biggest fund raiser and a jeroboam and magnum of champagne respectively to the second and third.

do not slip up again. "We can

beat Kingston but I can't see

them losing another game," Gill said philosophically. Gill's prediction seems logi-

cal considering the over-whelming margin, 103-57, of

Kingston's latest success at

Leicester on Saturday, but if

Tigers do have a realistic

hope, it is that Nigel Lloyd,

the top scorer in the cup final,

maintains the form that also

brought him 26 points in the

113-66 win at Sunderland on

Friday and 23 more on Satur-

ular season games, seemed to lose their heads both on and off the ice when going down 10-5 to Romford Raiders.

towards the end.

Of the 72 penalty minutes 58 were for either unsportsmanlike conduct or delaying the game and the Raiders punished them with seven powerplay goals.

Norwich and Peterbor ough Pirates, runners-up at Wembley last year, played their best hockey of the season in a 10-3 home win over Humberside Seahawks and then achieved an away draw

with Murrayfield Racers. Durham Wasps were sur-prisingly held at home by the Seahawks, Fife Flyers won the first round of their argument with Ayr Raiders and the big surprise in the league entry play-offs was the defeat of Sheffield Steelers by

Chelmsford Chieftains. But it was back to normal for the Steelers as they demolished Livingston Kings 16-3 before another self-out crowd of 8,500 at Sheffield Arena.

Tigers 5.
Laque entry play-offs: Blackburn
Blackhawks 3, Lrungston Kings 8, Chelmetord Cheftstra 6, Shelfield Steelers 5,
Streatham Redfahrs 8, Oxford City Stars 5,
Oxford City Stars 4, Mediusy Bears 7,
Shelfield Steelers 16, Lungston Kings 3,
Tratiford Metros 9, Streatham Redskins 3.

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CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE: Bristol City v Torquey

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division:

NORTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Blyth Spanars v Billingham Synthonia.

RUGBY UNION

Northampion v Met Poice (7.30).... Penarth v Maesteg (7.0) ...

RUGBY LEAGUE

Club matches

UE: Premier Oughton Wei v Belper

and have just one more tilt at the Australians, who regard **BRIDGE**

Durden leads again in the points pursuit

THREE nationally rated one-day events attracted big fields in the race to host the largest total of English Bridge Union master points before the June 30 deadline (Albert Dormer writes).

Grand master John Durden, a previous record holder, collected the most points. He led home Jim Boschler and Mr and Mrs Paul Bentley ahead of 135 other Swiss teams in the Bedfordshire association's event at Dunstable. Other winners of the green-point events were: Heather Hobson and Roy Garthwaite, (Merseyside and Cheshire Swiss pairs): and Mr and Mrs E. C. Bevan (Hants and Isle of Wight Swiss pairs).

POOLSHORECAST

Torquay are capable of spoiling tactics

AT THIS stage of the season, teams at or near the foot of the table tend to gain as many points as those at or near the top. Survival is as great a motivation as success.

My theory will be put to the test when Torquay United, next to bottom of the third division, play host to Stockport County, who are second. At first glance, this looks like a routine away victory but Torquay must have spoilt a few coupons by beating the leaders, Stoke City, last Saturday. If they can defeat Stoke, they are capable of holding Stockport to a draw.

Exeter City v Huddersfield Town is another third division match worthy of your attention. Huddersfield showed signs of returning to form with a decisive win over their promotion rivals. West Bromwich Albion, but they will be pressed to repeat the feat at Exeter, who upset Birmingham City on Saturday. A draw is the probable

Fatigue is likely to play a big part in Nottingham Forest's home fixture against Sheffield Wednesday. Although Forest are the team of the moment, it will be their fourth game in seven days and a share of the spoils is maybe the best they can hope

Crystal Palace v Everton is the form draw in the first division. Both have drawn on 13 occasions this season and recent results suggest there is little between the sides.

Saturday April 4 unless stated FA CUP SEMI-FINALS Not on coupons: Liver-pool v Portsmouth (at Highbury, Sunday): Nor-wich v Sundarland (at Hillaborough, Sunday) FIRST DIVISION

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□ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated Barclays League First division

Arsenel v Notim Forest (7 45)... Aston Villa v Sheffjeld Utd....... Liverpool v Notta County Norwich v Manchester Utd (7.45) .

Second division ipswich v Barnsley (7.45)...... Plymouth v Grimsby (7.45)...... Port Vale v Blackburn... Portsmouth v Chariton (7.45)....

Tranmere v Bristol City...... Watford v Brighton (7 45)... Wolverhampton v Newcasti Third division

Huddersfield v Bury Hull v Wigan..... Peterborough v Birmingham... Preston v Swansee.......

Shrewsbury v Torquey...... Stockport v WBA (all ticket) Fourth division

GM Vauxhall Conference Barrow v Telford.

Famborough v Bath
Kettering v Cheltenham
Slough v Merthyr
Stafford v Redbridge Forest

Bob Lord Trophy Final, first leg Runcom v Wycombe

Tennents Scottish Cup Semi-final Celtic v Rangers(at Hampden Park, 8.0)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division; Bishop's Stortford v Wivenhoo, Enflictd v Kingstonan; Hayes v Basıngaloke, Si Albans v Aylesbury

BEAZEA HOMES LEAGUE: Premier

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Third division: Trafford Borough v Whitehavan (at Huddensfield, 8.0) HPS LOANS LEAGUE: Challenge Cup; Frickley v Matlock; Menne v Guiseley, First division: Knowsley Ltd v Lancaster Cty First division cup; Semi-final, second leg; Cotwyn Bay v Newtown.

OTHER SPORT

Faldo rediscovers his authority in time for Augusta

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN PONTE VEDRA, FLORIDA

NICK Faldo left here without The Players Championship. with \$205,200 less than the winner, Davis Love III, but with the belief that he is playing better than ever.

In truth, he was disappointed with a final round of 74, which left him sharing second place with Tom Watson. Ian Baker-Finch and Phil Blackmar. He is also courteous enough to accept that he is fortunate to be No. 1 in the Sony world rankings again after only one win in the last 16 months.

Yet he is adamant that he is once more hitting the ball with penetrating authority. In other words, he is primed to build on his collection of major championships, starting with the Masters at Augusta next week.

"It wasn't my day on Sun-day," Faldo said. "I was trying to make things happen and they didn't. But I was generally pleased with the

SONY RANKINGS

reading specific books and listening to tapes.

sportsman to turn to the pow-

er of positive thinking.

Severiano Ballesteros used to

listen to tapes offering en-

couragement before he went

impression of being exceed-ingly resilient but he is essen-

tially a shy person who needs to guard against losing his self-control. He says he would

like to be spontaneous on the

course but that would be out

of character and a threat to

The Faldo who has won two

Open Championships and

two Masters will win more by

grimacing at every two-iron

that finishes more than 20

feet from the hole and at every

putt that fails to drop from

Where Faldo is relaxing

more is by reducing his work-

load on the practice range

"I've got set drills and, if it

means working for 20 min-utes, that is all I do," he said.

There's no point hitting

balls for an hour after that

because, if the drill is correct,

that is all my body needs to

"Now is the time to really

assess my game. It is more o

a mental refinement. I think

I've done enough of belting golf balls. I'm doing less work to be more productive."

Faldo mislaid his putting touch on Sunday, when Love, aged 27, gained his fourth

and most important United

States Tour win. A final

round of 67 gave him a 15-

under-par total of 273, which

equalled the tournament

player, has advanced from

seventeenth to twelfth place

in the world rankings but

Faldo is in first place again

ahead of Fred Couples, José-

Maria Olazábal, Ian

If Faldo was encouraged by

his play, with the Masters in

mind, so was Watson. His

win in the Hong Kong Open

earlier this month was his

first in five years and it has

clearly heightened his con-

"I played a very good last round," he said. "The putter

could have been a bit better

but I'm getting more confi-

dent. I'm certainly looking

game was a bit indifferent but

I didn't miss a fairway with my driver." he said.

land captain will be to accom-

pany the squad for a week's

training in Spain from April

for the international against France in May, and is also captain of the England youth team for the European

Championships in Finland in

THE recent decision by the

Association of Stillwater

Game Fishery Managers

(ASGFM) not to ban mem-

bers from rearing trout to

record sizes, even before

they are put into an angling

It has damaged the reput-

ation of the organisation,

done nothing for the reput-

ation of angling and the im-

portant issues raised still

The ASGFM is the organ-

isation that represents and

runs all of the main trout

fishing lakes in England and

Wales. Its members are fish-

ery owners and fish farmers.

nority of fishery managers

stocking massive trout for

anglers to catch and claim

The practice of a tiny mi-

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McEvoy's first duty as Eng-

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Love, a former Walker Cup

ecord

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Faldo has always given the

to bed.

It is nothing new for a

1, N Faido (GB), 16.70pts; 2, F Couples (US), 16.20; 3, J-M Olazábal (Spain), 16.04; 4, I Woosnam (GB), 15.59; 5, S Bellesteros (Sp), 14.99; 6, B Langer (Ger), 13.62; 7, P Slewart 11.64; 8, G Norman (Aus), 11.49; 9, P Azinger (US), 9.78; 10, M McNulty (Zim), 9.61, Other British placing: 17, R Rafferty; 7.58.

week. I played well, I was mentally strong and my visualisation is great.

'My idea is always to advance, which is why I'm continually examining the swing with my coach, David Leadbetter. I now feel I'm hitting the ball better than ever. I'm in a good frame of

mind; I'm moving forward. "I'm also beginning to loosen up. You play your best when the adrenalin is going but when you stay relaxed at the same time. I've made a great deal of progress in that

Faldo has hinted about a new thought process designed to strengthen his men-tal outlook. He has been

Mochrie makes up the leeway

DOTTIE Mochrie dropped a shot at the first hole of the final round of the Nabisco Dinah Shore at Mission Hills on Sunday, to fall three strokes behind Juli Inkster, the overnight leader. Eighteen holes later, at the first extra hole, Mochrie tapped in for a par to claim her first major championship. \$105,000 and a bear hug from her caddie (and hus-

band) Doug. Mochrie and Inkster finished tied on 279, nine under par, with Mochrie holing from three and a half feet for a birdie four at the 18th to force the play-off with a 69 to

Inkster, winner of the Dinah in 1984 and 1989, was one shot clear of the field after three rounds and stayed ahead all the way. She hit her third shot at the last to within ten feet and it looked all over. But Mochrie, runner-up here last year, played an even better shot, a three-quarter sand wedge from 77 yards. Inkster left her putt short and bowed out with bunker trouble at the 73rd hole. Pam Wright, of Aboyne, in Scotland, shared eighth place on 285 after a

Mochrie, whose maiden name of Pepper gave an indication of her temperament, has grown calmer in her five

PETER McEvoy, Britain's

record-capped amateur golf-

er, has opted to continue his

international career the new

champion, from Warwick-

shire, has spent the winter

contemplating retirement

after being nominated last

November to succeed Mike

Kelly as England captain.

"The English Golf Union

gave me the option of being

playing or non-playing cap-tain." McEvoy said.

"Over the past few years the

main reason I've been unable

to play as much has been

because of the pressure of

work. But once I'd accepted

The twice-British Amateur

captain of England.

herself with a ferocious glare in the direction of the person who sneered "loser" when she left a birdie putt at the 17th two rolls short and quickly proved herself a winner.

Mochrie, third in the US Solheim Cup standings, confirmed that she would definitely be competing in the Weetabix women's British Open at Woburn in September. As usual, the LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) will allow releases to only four of their players but Richard George, of Weetabix, had what he felt were fruitful discussions with the Americans.

There are contractual reasons why they can't release more players," he said, "and I understand their point of view better now and I think ev ungerstand ours. Charlie Mecham [LPGA commissionerl indicated he had a genuine interest in slotting the British into their calendar."

Calcridat.

FINAL SCORES: 279: D Mochrie, 59, 71, 70, 69; J Infester, 72, 68, 68, 71, 281: B Burton, 70, 72, 71, 68; P Sheethen, 71, 69, 72, 282: M Mellon, 73, 69, 72, 68, 284: S Steinhauer, 72, 73, 69, 70: D Eggeling, 67, 78, 68, 70: DE Eggeling, 67, 78, 68, 70: DE Eggeling, 67, 78, 68, 70: T, 71, 71, 69; P Omisj. 70, 68, 76, 71; M McGarm, 68, 74, 71, 72, 298: E Crostoy, 72, 70, 73, 71, A Cleamoto, 71, 71, 72, 72; M Spencer Devin, 73, 69, 71, 73; J Stephenson, 72, 72, 68, 74, 287: T, 6reen, 70, 70, 74, 73, 286: K Postileweit, 73, 74, 72, 69; C Johnson, 71, 71, 75, 71; J Cemer, 70, 72, 75, 71; J Geddes, 75, 68, 73, 72: P Bradley, 73, 71, 69, 75, Cther British

McEvoy becomes captain

By Chris Moore

the England captaincy it

meant that I was going to have to attend the events

ayway. And rather than settle

for being a shooting-stick

captain, I've decided to, at

least, have a crack at making

With that aim in mind,

McEvoy has been having les-

sons for the first time in his

career, from Noel Boland, the

professional at Cotswold

Hills. "It's been an interest-

ing experience," he said.

could turn up and win my

matches for England without

putting in the same amount

of effort other players did. But

those days are long gone."

There was a time when I

the team."

Pursuit of the cyclist's dream

By Peter Bryan

IT WAS not much of a celebration, but then Chris Boardman, who yesterday received The Times/Minet Supreme Award, has little opportunity to celebrate anything.

Morning training was postponed - there was neavy rain at his home in The Wirral — until the afternoon so that Boardman sat in a barber's chair instead of the saddle and had a haircut.

While the scissors snipped to almost crew-cut length, he thought of Barcelona and how the award will help in achieving his aim to win an Olympic gold medal in the 4,000-metres individual pursuit in July.

Boardman's life has revolved for the past four years around cycling and the daily dedication it demands to reach international standards. That is how he spends every day of the year.
"It's a treadmill," he says, "but when something like



this [the award] happens there is a temporary respite from the pain." Every penny, he says, of the £5,000 will go towards his Olympic preparations, be it special food, travel or keeping abreast of the latest advances in equipment.

He regards himself as heavily in debt to his family: his wife, Sally-Ann, his son, Edward, and his daughter, Harriet, whose own lives are governed by his sporting

The joy of winning an important race is based principally on the knowledge that the modest prizemoney will be a bonus for the tight family housekeeping budget. He long ago gave up his craft of cabinetmaking and is now one of Britain's "unwaged". The British Cycling Fed-

eration will not be announcing its team for Barcelona for another month or two. But Boardman must be regarded as a certainty for the pursuit, which serves to inspire him rather than to make him relax.

Boardman, armed against the cold, in hot pursuit of Olympic gold

He gets very little preferential treatment among the Olympic squad. His racing commitments at home and overseas from now until the Games have already been decided. His routine training is left very much to him, although every time he rides, the print-out from his heart-rate monitor is analysed by his trainer, Peter Keen, a senior lecturer at

the West Sussex Institute. Boardman was fifth fastest qualifier at last year's world pursuit championship in Stuttgart with a personal best time of 4min 31.4sec, an improvement of

five seconds. But in Barcelona he reckons that he will have to aim for a time under 4min 25sec if he is to strike

So far in his career, he has been untroubled by nerves. The Olympics may be different, he is prepared to admit. "The stakes are so high that it is a possibility, he says, "and I must be ready for it."

In the pursuit, every rider has a qualifying test over the full distance against the clock rather than with an opponent. Only the fastest eight go through to the next

ing for the four semi-final Boardman hates the tie that follows the qualifying

round in the hope of qualify-

round, "I don't know why, but I am generally at my worst then," he says. "Possibly because you are too exhausted from the effort and tension to go forward in the competition."

This year's season started well for him, with recordbreaking rides but, in the past month, he has been dogged with illnesses and is on a course of antibiotics for a chest infection. But better now than in July.

ICE SKATING

Absence of Ito is felt at titles

BY MICHAEL COLEMAN

MIDORI Ito was sorely missed in the Coliseum at Oakland, California, on Sunday when the opposition to Kristi Yamaguchi crumpled.

The Olympic champion retained her world title on her home patch - she lives 20 miles away at Fremont and, bar one flaw when bravely attempting her bète noire, the salchow, came close to perfection. The rest wilted, perhaps after an overlong season that had begun in the same arena last October with the Skate America contest. It is hard to imagine even a substandard Ito not beating the second-placed Nancy Kerrigan, who benefited from the others' errors.

A new face and new country on the podium came in the minute form of Lu Chen, aged 15, from North China. who, though isolated from the rest of the skating world. has, thanks to video films and dedication, won bronze medals at junior and now senior world championships in one season.

A nervous Charlene von Saher, the nominal British No. 2, outskated Joanne Conway in Sunday's free contest. the national champion dropping two places to fourteenth. compared to seventh last year. Von Saher was only 0.5 points behind and, with Britain thus now confined to only one woman at Prague next February, it will be fascinating to see who is chosen.

Another American-reared skater, Alice Sue Claes, who was born in Atlanta but who has discovered roots in Antwerp, finished seventh for Belgium in her senior debut. Like von Saher, she is aged 17 but, unlike the new British acquisition, she was not born in, nor does she speak the language of, the country which she now represents.

RESULTS: 1, K Yamaguch (US), 1.5 factored placements, 2, N Kerngan (US), 3.5; 3, Lu Chen (China), 5; 0, 4, L Hubert (Fr), 5; 5, J Chountard (Can), 8; 0, 6; 1 Harting-Gelooly (US), 8; 0, 7, A Clees (Bel), 12; 0, 25; 10, P Nester (Ber), 125; 10, P Nester (Ber), 145; British placings; 14, J Conway, 22; 0; 15; C von Saher, 22; 5

MOTOR RALLYING

Sainz pulls clear of his rivals

Nairobi: Carlos Sainz, driving a Toyota Celica, extended his lead in the Salari Rally to 17 minutes after the 838km fourth leg through a dust storm in the Rift Valley yesterday. The Spaniard, who won the 1990 world champion-ship, was in sight of his first win of the season after finishing the stage at Eldoret.

Five of the first seven cars were Toyotas and the two Lancia Delta drivers chasing Sainz floundered in a swirling storm of volcanic ash whipped up by the Spaniard. Jorge Recalde, of Argentina, was 17 minutes behind and the world champion, Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, was 42 minutes in arrears.

The South American, who went off course five or six times during the stage, said: "It was like driving in fog. 1 kept stopping to check my bearings.

Kankkunen said he lost five or six minutes because of the conditions: "I must have seen the track three or four times, he said. "The rest of the time I was driving blind." (AFP)

LEADING POSITIONS (after fourth stage)
1, C Sainz (Sp), Toyota Celica GT4, 1hr
19mm or penathes; 2, J Recalde (Arg),
Lanca Delta, at 18mm, 3, J Kenklumen
(Fin), Lancis Delte, at 42mm; 4, M Ericsson
(Swe), Toyota Celica, at 11:11 min, 5, 1
Duncan (Ken), Toyota Celica, at 1:27; 5, M
Alan (Fin), Toyota Celica, at 1:30

Women lack a sporting chance

By JOHIN GOODBODY

WOMEN may seem to have played an outstanding role in British sport. Competitors like Virginia Leng and Jayne Torvill, Tessa Sanderson and Sharron Davies have all earned our admiration and applause. However, a consultation document demonstrates how far Britain has to Judging by his first outing of the season for Warwick-shire against Leicestershire go to secure equal opportuni-ties for females, many of on his 39th birthday on Sunwhom are being held back by day when he won his foursomes and his singles, the old magic is still there. "My short

our own blinkered attitudes. Not only is Britain being deprived of Olympic medals by our prejudice, but women are also unable to fulfil their potential. As the paper, published by the Sports Council. stressed: "Sport needs women just as much as women may benefit from sport." Women make their own

special physical contribution. ranging from the grace of gymnast Olga Korbut to the determination of Alison Streeter, who has swum the Channel three ways non-stop.

which no man has achieved. But it is not only women's physical contribution that is important.

Dr Anita White, who chaired the council's group. pointed out that women also "bring a new thinking to sport and how it should

Although the report, which is being distributed for com-



Dispute over record stocking rumbles on

bodies of sport, political parties and local authorities, recorded that women's participation has increased in recent years, the number of women in coaching has declined. The report stated: "As women and girls have increasingly com-

SPORTS POLITICS

mitted themselves to strive for sporting success, or to learn new sports, so men rather than women have stepped in to fill the coaching positions."
In tennis and badminton, in which participation is split

approximately 50-50 between the sexes, men have increased their dominance of senior coaching. In 1976, 32 per cent of professional tennis coaches in Britain were female. By 1988, this had fallen to

25 per cent. In 1976, five per cent of the national badminton coaches were female. In 1990, this had fallen to none. This trend is curious considering that the person who has probably made the greatest contribution to coaching

in Britain over the last decade

the director of the National Coaching Foundation. White said: "There are one

is a woman: Sue Campbell,

or two exceptions who reach the top, but there do seem to be fewer women in coaching. After they have had competitive careers, many women feel guilty if they want more time away from their families for coaching." Provision must be made to help women in their coaching careers.

The media are rightly criticised for not having enough female sports journalists, and even the composition of the Sports Council comes under attack. Only one woman, Mary Peters, is a member and recently two women, Dr Elizabeth Murdoch and Professor Margaret Talbot, leading figures in the government's working party

on the national curriculum. were recommended by the Sports Council to chair their regions. Sadly. Robert Atkins, the minister for sport, did not recognise their worth.

VOLLEYBALL

Cooper is doubtful for Brixton's big match

BY RODDY MACKENZIE

AUDREY Cooper, Woolwich Brixton's England international setter, is extremely doubtful for Sunday's top-ofthe table clash with Britannia Music, the match that will decide the women's first division title in the Royal Bank of Scotland English League.

Cooper, born in Scotland but who switched her international allegiance to England, has a thumb injury that has disrupted Brixton's plans. "I have been working on our game plan for the past four weeks and now this happens," Jefferson Williams, the does not play. I'll need to the league and cup double.

change things but whatever happens, we'll be a patchedup outfit."

Woolwich Brixton have confirmed that they will take part in the Supercup - the invitation event that traditionally features the top four teams in England - at Reading on April 11 and 12. The English Cup winners, Britannia, have upset The English Volleyball Association (EVA)

by not participating. Glasgow Powerhouse, beaten in the last two finals, have won the Royal Bank of Scotland Scottish Women's Cup Brixton coach said. "If she for the first time to complete

"instant" national records has become a highly emotive

It had been operating with imported, artificially reared rainbow trout since the 1970s but had not attracted odium because no natural record for rainbow trout existed and so no clear principle was being in-

fringed. Last year, however, one fishery stocked a massive native brown trout and then claimed the national record when it was captured. There was an outcry when a big wild fish, caught in 1978, had to be removed from the

British record fish list to make way. The episode was seen as a cynical manipulation of the

lists for the publicity it brought to the fishery

Soon afterwards, two fisheries outside the ASGFM stocked huge Atlantic salmon into tiny ponds and then threatened to stock fish so big that they would break the rod-caught record for salmon, established in 1922. The result was

The agenda for the annual conference of the ASGFM was changed so that the issues could be debated and it is necessary to declare an interest — l was invited; as an independent commentator, to set them out.

the continuous stocking of massive brown trout was raising trout fishing to new levels of artificiality. It was also focusing anglers' attention on absolute size rather than relative size, which is

what real angling achieve-

ment is about. I said that the stocking of brown trout, which were already above record weight when they went into the water, cheapened the image of angling and brought the.

genuine records into ridicule. There followed a brief debate in which John Parkman, chairman of the organisation, said that no points of substance were

made against the argu-

I told the conference that ments put forward. Then came the vote. The stocking of Atlantic salmon was banned but the continued stocking of record brown trout was not.

There can be very few reasons why the ASGFM voted as it did. The most obvious is that members want to keep their own stocking options open for the future, regardless of the price angling as a whole may have to

A second is that members thought it was already too. late to protect the brown trout record, while there was yet time to do something for the salmon. A third was that members felt backed into a corner by the impromptu way in which the vote ap-

peared to be called and were reluctant to see at least one of their own members debarred. Whatever the reason or

reasons, they bring the ASGFM no credit. While all may be understandable, they are all myopic.

They lose sight of the need to avoid the divisions within the sport that the record issue has created; and they lose sight of the need to avoid cheapening the image of angling at a time when public opinion on all field sports remains in a state of

The issues raised at the weekend will return again and again. In the meantime, the ASGFM is bleeding heavily from the foot.

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SEDGEFIELD

Over The Road in demand

BY MICHAEL SEELY

THE increasing likelihood of yielding going at Aintree on Saturday saw a gamble develop on Over The Road, a proves soft-ground specialist, who showed his liking for the Grand National course when finishing fourth behind Seagram last year.

The John Upson-trained 25-1 to 20-1 with Ladbrokes and from 25-1 to 16-1 with Coral. "We've laid several good bets, including one of £1,000 each-way at 25-1," said Wally Pyrah of Coral.

Over the Road, who wound up last season by finishing third to Killone Abbey in the Scottish National, has been specifically trained with Aintree in mind. In the gelding's last two races he has been staying on over inadequate distances when third at Uttoxeter and Market Rasen.

The softer the going the better," said the trainer yesterday. "In fact, if it becomes bottomless, the happier we'd be. He's a funny old horse, but stays forever without being just a plodder."

Reporting on conditions, John Parrett, the clerk of the course, said: "At present it's good to soft on the Mildmay and hurdle tracks but soft on the National course. The forecast is unsettled over the next two days, but then becoming more positive towards the

The quick-drying proper-ties of the Aintree turf are legendary. So, although fastground performers, like Docklands Express and Brown Windsor, are unlikely to end up favourite, it might be dangerous to try and anticipate events five days before

MARKET

However, the punters are continue to fasten on the known mudlarks. And Ladbrokes and Hills also reported backing for Wilsford, Hotplate and Rubika.

Although the safety limit for the world's greatest steepicchase is 40, a total of 55 were declared at yesterday's five-day stage.

Opinion continues to harden that the finish of a highclass race may lie between Cool Ground and Twin Oaks. Gordon Richards is becoming more and more confident that Twin Oaks can give Greystoke his third National

win. "I'm a lot happier than I was a fortnight ago, when my horses were wrong," he said. "He may have a lot of weight, but he's a lovely old horse and the ideal Aintree type."
As expected, Martin Pipe has declared Huntworth and Bonanza Boy as well as Omerta, but the trainer gave

no clue as to which of the trio

Peter Scudamore is likely to

ride. "All three are well and are likely to run," he said.
Disappointing but hardly surprising news yesterday was that Blazing Walker, one of the three best chasers in the country, will be withdrawn from Friday's Mumm Melling Chase and will not

run this season. This means that Remittance Man may now have Edberg, Pat's Jester and Unde Ernie as his only three

opponents. Yesterday morning, Kim Bailey said that Kings Foun-tain had worked well at Lambourn "He's in tremendous shape and we'll go for the Martell Chase on Thursday in preference to the Mumm Melling Chase."

ADVANCE GOING: SOFT 4.00 MARTELL GRAND NATIONAL (Handicap: grade III: £94,876: 4m 4f) (55 six-day declarations) 1P-P113 TWIN CAKS (J.Moreton) G Richards 12-11-7...

Tota: 8-1 Cool Ground, 9-1 Brown Windsor, Twin Cake, 11-1 Docklands Ex Laura's Beau, Party Politics, 18-1 Aunile Dot, 20-1 Over The Road, Willsford, The Crack, 25-1 others.

William Hit: 6-1 Cool Ground, 6-1 Twin Oaks, 10-1 Docklends Express Windsor, 12-1 Lagra's Seep, 14-1 Party Politics, 16-1 Auntie Dot, 18-1 V Over The Road, 25-1 others. 1997: SEAGRAM 11-10-6 N Hawke (12-1) D Barons 40 ran

3.30 SPENNYMOOR HANDICAP CHASE (£2,758: 3m 21 160yd) (15 runners)

Long handloap: Vetessy 9-11, Shaphard's Hymn/8-4, Sheer Steel 9-1, Majic Rain 9-0, Jusenstan 8-8, Sagaro Balle 8-6, Curat Steek 8-6.

FORM FOCUS

NORVAL-39/4 3rd of 12 to Deep Colonies in Kelso
(3m 4f, good to soft) ameteur riders' hendicap chase
with CARCUSEL ROCKET 279/4 8th. DUBIOUS
JAKE best Borsen Owen 1/4 in 14-runner hands
(4m, good to soft) handicap chase with BOW
HANDY MAN (7to better off) 301 3rd.
BOW HANDY MAN (7to better off) 301 short head in 6runner Sedgefield (3m 4f, good) handicap chase on
1f, good) handicap chase.
Selection: NORVAL

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OUFD FINN BOY 74 (J Johnson) J Johnson 6-11-7 A W 8 Swiers
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BETTING: 15-8 Gymcrak Sovereign, 9-2 Persian House, 5-1 Codon, 6-1 Elder Prices, 8-1 Persuasive, 10-1 Easy Over, 12-1 Easty Mandrina, 16-1 others.

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5.00 HASWELL MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £1,506; 2m 4f) (18 runners)

BETTING: 11-4 Hypnotiet, 7-2 Gymorak Gemble, 5-1 Dencing Days, 8-1 Latosky, 8-1 Rustic Air, 10-1 Calmay-mount, Mount Alley, 14-1 Rhoman Coln, 18-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

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Hadham (2m, nowy) www. hurde. GYMCRAK SOVEREIGN beat High Grade 101 in 12-

4.30 WITTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,810; 2m) (14 runners)

BETTING: 3-1 Deleside, 4-1 Herberto, 5-1 Hemilton Lady, 5-1 Tricycling, 8-1 Loving Omen, Trus S 10-1 Native Crown, 14-1 Helio Vance, 16-1 others.

4.00 HASWELL MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I: £1,506; 2m 4f) (18 runners)

Brompton Road to take winning route again

BROMPTON Road, who has already landed one gamble for Richard Lee's Presteigne stable this year when successful at Carlisle earlier this month, is taken to keep up the good work at Sedgefield today by winning the Spennymoor Handicap

Chase. A good staying hurdler dur-ing the 1989-90 campaign when trained by Dudley Moffatt, Brompton Road won at Bangor and Ayr that season before being pulled up lame on his final start on firmish ground at Liverpool. After his injured tendons had been fired Brompton Road was then given a long

time off in order to facilitate a complete recovery. In the circumstances, his current handler excelled when producing him on a triumphant note after an absence of 23 months. It was not only Brompton

Road's first race for a long time, it was also his first over fences and against seasoned

handicappers.
Undaunted by that, he was still backed down to 5-1 from double those odds before proceeding to win by seven lengths, despite showing signs of inexperience when he jumped badly to his left three fences from home. Importantly, that race was over today's distance whereas

Dubious Jake, one of his inform rivals this afternoon, has given the distinct impression recently that he needs an even greater test of stamina. Bow Handy Man, who finished 30 lengths behind Du-bious Jake over four miles at Hexham last time out, has no

apparent chance of reversing

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

But the consistent Decent

With Ainsty Fox and Marejo re-rated strictly on their running when they were first and second respectively over today's course and distance three weeks ago, Just Frankie appears to have a fine chance of visiting the winner's enclosure again by landing the Border Knight

He finishing second to the talented Gale Again at



Lee: fine chance for Brompton Road

those placings on today's

Man, who has finished second in four of his last five races, would surely be a threat if he could reproduce his effort when beaten a neck by The Leggett at Market Rasen as opposed to his subsequent 15 lengths defeat at the hands of Yiragan at Nottingham last time

Handicap Chase.



Newcastle last time out. While Mick Easterby's admirable old warhorse Tresidder is always one to be feared on occasions like this, I feel that having to concede 18lb to Just Frankie will be

beyond him so soon after that hard race at the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham where he finished only ninth. Peter Easterby saddles what I regard to be the nap of the day when he sends Gymerak Sovereign out to contest the Witton Handicap

Hurdle, even though he is

also responsible for the top weight, Elder Prince. While the latter has been disappointing in his last two races over hurdles after falling three times in succession over fences, Gymcrak Sover-eign has gone from strength to strength, winning by ten lengths on the grass track at Southwell only last Saturday, having previously scored three times in a row on the

Fibresand there. Finally, Nigel Tinkler would appear to have the answer, not inappropriately, to the puzzle posed by the Colin Tinkler Novices' Claiming Chase in the form of Wessex, who was runner-up to that capable chaser Sire Nantais at Leicester last time.

Leicester off

Leicester lost its second meeting of the Flat turf season when today's fixture was abandoned yesterday because of a waterlogged course. This brings the number of Flat meetings lost already this season to three, following the cancellation of Monday's Folkesione card.

As a three-year-old she won

a listed race at Evry in

France, but latterly has been

running without distinction on the all-weather tracks. She

also proved barren at stud so

it was a notable feat for her

owner, Paul Venner, to find a

niche in point-to-points and

win with her on her second

outing. Raiders from East Anglia

won both the principal races at the Crawley and Horsham.

However, it was not Fort

Hall, the favourite, but the 7-

who won the RMC qualifer

George Cooper and Carl's

Choice had little trouble in

I chance Mountain Crash

under Gi Chown.

Nash sees brother reach milestone

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

PIP Nash, continuing her remarkable recovery, went to the Curre point-to-point on Saturday determined not to miss her brother, Tim Jones. reach the racing milestone of 100 winners.

She was rewarded when Lislary Lad, making a quick reappearance after winning at Sandown Park on Tuesday, came home with five lengths to spare over Connemara Dawn in the Land Rover qualifier.

His 99th win — ten of which have been under Rules had come in the previous the confined, on Carrickmines.Jones went on to complete a treble by bringing Little Red Feather home first

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in division one of the maiden. All came from the stable of Lee Bowles, who also provided the winner of the other division of the confined race in Sword-Ash, ridden by

Heather McCaull. Third at Llanfrynach a fortnight ago. Sword-Ash, like Carrickmines, was returning to form after pulling up last

The new High Easter course had the approval of owners and riders but spectators were a little less enthusi-astic. The BMW qualifier here at the Essex was won by Richard Downing on Fabu-

winning an open on the Parham course for the second time this season. Indian Knight returned to Larkhill for the Royal Artillery meeting after winning a Times qualifier there a fort-night before.

With Tim Mitchell aboard and carrying a 7lb penalty, he was even more impressive when landing the odds in the restricted and will prove difficult to beat in the Times final at Towcester on May 22.

Omens are not good for one political party with My Major beaten into third place in the Vale of White Horse open. His form line read "jumped right, led, headed three out,

Swinburn at Chantilly for Hatoof workout

Criquette Head's 1,000 Guineas hope, Haroof, in a gallop at Chantilly today (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

The Newmarket-based jockey was also in action at Maisons-Laffitte yesterday for his first French ride under his new retainer for Maktoum Al-Maktoum, finishing second on Petit Loup

in the Prix Callistrate. Swinburn expects to return to France for Hatoof's seasonat reappearance in the £12,333 Prix Imprudence at Maisons-Laffitte on Friday

Cash Asmussen rode his first winner of the season yesterday when Premonitory Dream captured the £7,134 Prix Banstar at the Maisons-Laffitte meeting.

AND MENTALEMENT HEBULTS

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3.00 (56) 1, AARRON (N Carliele, 13-8); 2, Newtr Sa Sure (J Wesver, 6-4 fav); 3, Macrobien (M Birch, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 8 Sigama (4th), 9 Reel Stunner (5th), 5 ran. AR: Brisas, 6, rk, 2; vkl. J Berry et Cockerham. Tota: 22.10; 27.180, 21.10. DF: 21.80, CSF; 54.26. 1min 2.87 sec.

3.30 (2m 19yd) 1, NEEDWOOD MUPPET (S Cauther, 5-1); 2, Boilin Magdalene (S Maloney, 9-2); 3, Broctune Grey (K Darley, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Northants (5th), 8 Deb's Ball (8th), 10 K Brigade (4th), 12 West With The Wind, Suluk, 16 Buckingham Band, Cosmic Dancer, 20 Moment Of Truth, 25 Buseque, 33 Mystary Band, 13 ran. NF: Starlight Worder, 354, 6, rk, 15, 20, 8 Morgan at Burlon-on-Trest. Tota: 25-10; 22-20, 21-40, 210.40. DF: 218.00. CSF: 228.54. Tricast: 5275.23, 3min 44.51sec.

A.00 (1m 11 Syd) 1, PHILGUN (5 Meloney, 5-1); 2, Silver Samurali (W Ryan, 11-4 fifer); 3, Akura (fi P Ellott 11-2); ALSO RAN: 14 fifer Sum To Wn (4th), 3 Feeling Foolish (6th), 33 Bannel Brigadier (6th), 6 tan. 3, 7, 6, 2, 20 W Elsey at Melion. Tota: 55-20; 5190, 5120. DF: 55.30. CSF: £17.99. 2min 04.21esc. 4.30 (1m 2f \$2yd) 1, VIARDOT (3 Cauthen, 1-3 fev; Thunderer's and Newmarker's Correspondent's ment 2

White Willow (B Raymond, 10-1); 3, Lingue Express (K Derley, 25-1), ALSO RAN: 6 Klingon (4th), 9 Massiths (Sin), 33 Tidel Filws (6th), 6 ran, NR: Sir Norman Hott. 2, 1141, 1194, 11, 115. M Stoute at Newmerket. Toke: C1.30; C1.10, C2.60. DF: E2.50. CSF. C4.75. Sun 21 92acc.

8.00 (1m 21 32yd) 1, EL NIDO (N Connorton, 10-1); 2, Sharp Top (G Barched, 12-1); 3, Miss Hyde (D Hollend, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 8-4 tys | Parcaive, 6 Colonel Fairfax (6th), 10 Putly (6th), 14 & The Bessl. 16 Flawman, 20 Count Bartachois, Barray O'Nelli, Ausside Aleje, Lutte Alum (4th), 25 Kind Style, 32 Errema, 14 rgn, 16, 16, 48, 11 151. M Carracho et Matton. Tote: C5.90; E2.50, C3.20, E7. E4.260. CSF: £119.93. Tricast: £831.53. 2min 18.56sec.

Cauthen double

Placepot: \$165.50.

Steve Cauthen completed a double at Newcastle yesterday with Needwood Muppet and Viardot The Sadier's Wells colt Viardot, who is entered in both the Epsom and Italian Derbys and the St Leger, comfortably justified 3-1 on favouritism in the Animal Crackers Maiden

SNOOKER

Davis is looking for sign of form

BY PHIL YATES

THE Benson and Hedges Irish Masters, traditionally the final pre-world championship examination, begins at Kill, County Kildare, today with only one of the realistic contenders for the game's premier title not present.

Apart from the absence of James Wattana, of Thailand, who qualified for the final stages of the world championship at Preston on Sunday by beating Kirk Stevens 10-9, it appears that the Masters will again be a barometer on the form of the leading players.

Only Jimmy White, who was victorious in both the British Open and European Open this month and was a 5-3 conquerer of Stephen Hendry in a Matchroom League fixture on Sunday, goes into the £165,000 tournament fully content with his game, with only 18 days remaining before world championship hostilities begin at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.

Steve Davis, the defending Irish Masters champion, wil be keen to capture the title for the seventh time since 1983, and, in so doing, end the mini-slump that followed his impressive back-to-back triumphs in the Mercantile Credit Classic and Asian Open during January.

Hendry, the world No. 1. whose consistency of last sea-son has been replaced by un-predictability, finds himself in a similar situation to Davis, his great rival. At times since the turn of the year, both have looked unstoppa-ble; at others, they have been unusually vulnerable.

John Parrott, the world champion, sowed the seeds of his Sheffield success by emerging from one of the most unproductive periods of his career to reach the final of last year's Irish Masters. Another such run would pro-vide an invaluable boost to his confidence at the tail-end of a season in which he has lost direction after prevailing in the Dubai Classic and UK

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EniBASSY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP:
First-round draw (England unless stated):
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M Hallett v A McManus (Scot); G Wilshson
v W Thorn; D Reynolds v J Whydr (Can); A
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CYCLING

CIS team to join Milk Race

YUGOSLAVIA, who last competed in the Milk Race 30 years ago, will be represented by the breakaway state of Slovenia when the round-Britain event starts on May

Slovenia has joined the Commonwealth of Independent States in taking up the last places in a record field of 18 for the Milk Race, which starts from Penzance and ends in Lincoln two weeks and 1.150 miles later. They will not be joined by the United States, who have dropped out because of a clash with their Olympic trials.

Banana-MET, the fourman team salvaged from the former Banana-Falcon squad which has won the last two Milk Races, will again spear-head the British challenge. TEAMS: Algarie, Australia, CS, Czecho-siovalda, Dermark, Germary, Holland, New Zeeland, Norway, Poland, Stovenia, South Africa, GB Armstour, Britampia Amasteur, Istiand, Bandras-MET, Colistrop-Histor (Bel), plus one other British professional team.

☐ Brussels: The Belgian rider, Ludo De Keulenaer, says that his career is over after confessing to fraud during a drugs test. De Keulenaer, aged 32, and in his eleventh year as a professional, has been sacked by his Dutch team, Buckler. He was caught trying to hand in a urine sample that was not his own after the Harelbeke E-3 race in Belgium.



MANDARIN THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS 2.00 Al Sahil. 3.00 Mega Blue. 2.00 Al Sahil. 2.30 Katy Keys. 3.00 TRESIDDER (nap). 3.30 Bow Handy Man. 5.00 NO SID NO STARS 2.30 Wessex. 3.00 Just Frankie. 3.30 Brompton Road. 4.00 Herberto. 3.30 Norval. 4.00 Hamilton Lady. 4.30 GYMCRAK 4.30 Gymcrak Sovereign 5.00 Gymcrak Gamble. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 GYMCRAK SOVEREIGN. 1 713143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF.F.G.S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0. GOING: GOOD 2.00 STONEGRAVE AGGREGATES NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,297: 3m 2f 160yd) (18 runners) (E1,297: 3m 2f 160yd) (18 runners)

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3 289,5-FF CANTACORNER 15 (K Fostar) Min S Assets 6-11-10.
4 10150P HASTY DIVER 3 (F,Q.S) (M Brown) J Harris 11-11-10.
5 0P-6 KINGS MEETING 22 (Blue Star Racing Ltd) W Clay 5-11-10.
6 39/0PF6 SILVERCROSS LAD 34 (Min A Tuner) R Juckes 6-11-10.
7 0-0 SIR BUZZ 57 (Mins E Shepherd) Min G Reveley 5-11-10.
8 00 THATS NOT GOSSIP 8 (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-1 CELTIC PEACE (P Nation) J Dooler 5-11-5.
10 PPPFPP COUNTERS CROSSETT 40 (E Caline) E Caine 10-11-5.
11 0-30025 FURRYVALE 90 (Wainbody Estatae) C Triettine 7-11-6.
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14 96 ROSE OF GOLDEN 22 (Aim D Chempion) R Chempion 6-11-5.
15 03-8-900 ROSEWELL 21 (W Wearmouth) R Lamb 6-11-5.
16 03-48-0 TILDEN PARK 6 (Mrs B Coonsy) J Parkes 6-11-5.
17 000000 BUSH BIRD 10 (B) (J Herdy) C Smith 4-11-0.
18 0000 EXTRA HIGH 17 (B) (Mrs V Thompson) V Thompson 4-11-0. Miles S Lamb (7) N Smith (5) BETTING: 3-1 Al Sahil, 9-2 Furryvale, 11-2 Sir Buzz, 6-1 Tilden Park, 8-1 Thats Not Gossip, 10-1 Heaty Diver, No Frills, 14-1 Silvercross Lad, 20-1 others. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING **FORM FOCUS** AL SAHIL 16/hi 3nd of 17 to Genda's Gold in Newton
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George warns of a block on SA rugby tours



Tshwete: supporter

THE official New Zealand rugby union tour of South Africa in August and subsequent visits by England, Australia and France ending the anti-apartheid regime's exclusion of South Africa from the world game - may be blocked by the National Olympic and Sports Congress (NOSC), the country's single most powerful

sporting body. Mluleki George, a former political prisoner on Robben Island. whose most surprising characteristic is his moderation, is president of the NOSC and vice-president of the new Olympic Committee.

Yesterday, following a meeting between the visiting International Olympic Committee (IOC) delegation and Nelson Mandela here, at which details of South Africa's participation in Barcelona were discussed. George said: "The departure of the cricket team for the West Indies this week is something special for South African sport and has come about because

of the sincerity of the development programme under Dr Ali Bacher.

This is demonstrated by the non-racial quality of the under-19 team that is also going. But rugby has no such development programme and, unless this is initiated, then we shall stop the proposed New Zealand tour and others.

"Rugby is always telling us they need tours to generate money but we've heard that too often. The former South African Rugby Board has plenty of money but neither they nor the unified South African Rugby Football Union [Sarfu] is doing anything for development. Coaching is still pre-dominantly for white children."

This announcement will come as a sharp shock to the Afrikaner element of this fanatical rugby country, which is contemplating bidding for the next Rugby World Cup. George knows what he is talking about because he was on the disciplinary committee of the former black South African RugMATERIELER IN JOHANNESBURG

by Union and has the same position with Sarfu. Toby Tyamzashe [the NOSC

general secretary] will be writing to New Zealand, England and others to warn them of the situation," George said. "We can do nothing to stop the South African tour of Romania and Italy this summer, though we will be advising our sympathisers in Italy to do what they can to resist the tour.

"There is no money gained from a tour of Romania and Italy and, if past tours made money for coaching, where is it? Tennis used the same argument with us. Our attitude is based on experience." George is not a bitter man; far

from it. In spite of being left with a bent neck from "correction" during detention, it has been his initiative, backed by Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress, together with

Steve Tshwete, that has helped make possible the present liberalising breakthrough.

The measure of disparity between black and white in South African sport is starkly exposed by the fact that of 41 competitors from archery, swimming, tennis, table tennis and yachting - so far selected on merit for the Olympic Games, by the Olympic committee (Nocsa), none is black.

Nocsa is hard pressed to find eligible black competitors because football is ineligible and boxing qualification is already closed. Keba M'Baye, the international judge from Senegal, who is leading the delegation here, said yesterday that the IOC will approach Professor Anwar Chowdhry, the president of international amateur boxing from Pakistan, to see whether some South Africans might still be included.

non-white sports, will not finalise its selection until May, though three black marathon runners qualified in the national championship on Saturday. Nocsa is concerned that Afrikaner elements in the unified Athletics South Africa are manipulating trials for black competitors living at sea level by staging selection competition at altitude.

"At present, trials based on merit inevitably exclude most blacks," Sam Ramsamy, the president of Nocsa, said yesterday. "The IOC delgation has stressed that we must do what we can to balance this and we may have to adjust selection by use of the term 'quality' rather than 'excellence'." M'Baye spoke at the meeting with Mandela of the team being "a faithful representation of South

During the discussion, M'Baye said that the image of the South African team in Barcelona is of

paramount importance. Mandela emphasised that unified governing bodies and development programmes were fundamental to South Africa's international reentry. "Blacks cannot prosper without facilities," he said, "but talk must now be of the future not the past."

The serenity and forgiveness of Mandela is, as with George, quite remarkable. In the IOC, more than any international sports organisation, he finds a willingness to concentrate on the morality of South Africa's involvement as much as the performance.

As Tshwete said: "Sport is bringing together two peoples in the total concept of a non-racial community, a powerful vehicle for unity in a polarised society. M'Baye told Mandela he was seen as the symbol of freedom and dignity, and generations to come would see him as the African face "of the struggle for human

Noah may resign as captain in the wake of Swiss success in the Davis Cup

Criticism follows French defeat

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

RECRIMINATIONS have been as sharp and swift as the guillotine following France's surprise 3-2 defeat by Switzerland in the quarter-final of the Davis Cup. Just five months after winning the Cup for the first time in 59 years, the heroes of Lyons -Guy Forget and Henri Leconte — have become the victims of Nimes, accused of being unfit and of lacking fighting spirit.

It was suggested that Leconte had taken four days off from preparations for a romantic rendezvous with Gabriela Sabatini in Florida and that Forget, who had an injured wrist, lacked leadership quality.

Noah was reported to be furious with Leconte for being overweight and with Forget for overplaying before the tie, but even Noah him-self, who led France to victory last year, was not above criticism for choosing to play on clay to negate the power of big-serving Swiss pair, Jakob Hlasek and Marc Rosset.

"This defeat," L'Equipe, the national sports daily, commented, "was the hangover of a team that soaked its lips too long in the alcohol of last year's victory.

Noah, though, defended his gamble of replacing For-Boetsch and Thierry Champion, both making their singles debuts in the Davis Cup, saying: "I put out the best team at my disposal and it will be good experience for these two who could represent France

for several years." He refused to say whether he would continue as captain for next year, but there is a hint that he feels his job has already been done. The decision will be taken later in the year." he said, "but it will have nothing to do with tennis. It will be a personal decision. We have paid the price for being the title-holders and we need to prepare again. The spirit has been missing



Cry for help: Noah, the team captain, implores Forget to lead a French recovery in the Davis Cup tie in Nimes

as I would have liked because I have been injured," he said. 'I went to Florida on holiday after spraining an ankle in Rotterdam. I have nothing to feel guilty about."

Leconte and Forget showed no shortage of fight in coming back from two sets down and to within four points of defeat to preserve their tinbeaten doubles record on Sunday, but it was asking too much of Boetsch and Champion to shoulder their country's hopes under such

When France went 2-0 down on the opening day, not even Noah could conjure up a revival and Hlasek, who was on court for 12 hours in

Leconte has reacted with winning all three of his predictable anger to the criti-matches, duly led his adopted Cup semi-final against Brazil, who beat Italy yesterday.

Andre Agassi cast off his recent indifferent form to lift the United States to a narrow victory against Czechoslovakia. Agassi beat Petr Korda on the opening day and, with the tie poised at 2-2 after. defeats for John McEnroe and Rick Leach in the doubles and Pete Sampras in the first of the reverse singles. answered his critics conclusively with a devastating 7-6, 6-0, 6-0 victory over Karel Novacek to earn a home semi-final tie against Sweden, who disposed of Australia 5-0. The Czechoslovak won just six points in a 20-

Italians are beaten as Pescosolido drops out

Maccio, Brazil: Brazil took an unbeatable 3-1 lead over an injury-hit Italy in their Davis Cup quarter-final yesterday. Stefano Pescosolido, of Italy, a last-minute replacement for the injured Omar Camporese, pulled out of his match against Jaime Oncins with what appeared to be a pulled leg muscle. Pescosolido was trailing 4-6, 3-6, 6-3 and serving in the opening game of the fourth set when

he was hurt. He was barely able to walk and deliberately served a series of double faults to finish

the game and receive medical

attention. After the Italian failed to return to the court after a oneminute break, the umpire, Wayne McKewen, announced Brazil, who were already leading 2-1 in the tie. had won the rubber by default. Camporese had been unable to play because of an

arm problem.

Brazil and their semi-final opponents, Switzerland, have never reached a Davis Cup

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SPORT AND THE GENERAL ELECTION

New strategy needed to protect tradition

The first priority of a Labour government will be to provide a new strategy for British

The minister for sport must be actively involved in promoting British interests worldwide. In sport after sport, ethical standards have been undermined and sold short, often for a mess of potage. We would assert the principle that sport ex-ists for the health and the pleasure of those who play or those who support and

Sponsorship, television, commercialism provide important financial support but they must not be allowed to distort our sport. They are the means by which sport can prosper and service the public good but they must not erode our best sporting traditions.

Labour has long sought to attract the best of the world's sporting festivals to this country — Olympic Games. Commonwealth Games, European champi-onships. The belated repentance of the government in offering support for the Manchester Olympic bid is welcome, and we would build upon it, but coming after an absolute refusal to offer any financial support to Edinburgh, Sheffield, Birmingham — and Manchester's previous bid - all of whom were left to carry the burden of previous international endeavours on their own backs, seems to owe more to political des-

peration than to sporting strategy. A Labour government would create a partnership between the bidding cities and the sports bodies concerned to carry the message that in sport "British is still

Our international involvement would start with Europe and the Common-

The Times invited the three main parties to set out their manifesto for sport in this week before the General Election. Today: Denis Howell, former minister for sport, sets out the Labour Party policy

wealth. These are two wonderful forums where we should be exercising influence but so often our voice is silent. We would forge new alliances, offer leadership, assert values and earn the respect upon which in-ternational bids have to be mounted.

International success ofyoungsters to take up sport, especially in the schools and in the local communities. We must never forget the sheer joy of it all, for the challenges it provides in our own lives, for the good fellowship of sport.

ur first priority will be the schools and the colleges. We need many more PE teachers, especially in the primary schools. We must stop the sale of school and community playing fields and sports halls.

We need to turn the slogan of teaching every young child to swim into a reality.

and more transport from schools to baths and to playing fields. As a sensible

pricing policy for schools. We would give practical support to the providers of sports facilities, to the local authorities starved of resources, to the voluntary sports clubs needing mandatory rate relief. We would take urgent action to attract young people into these sports facilities in-stead of the nonsense of pricing them out with all its disastrous consequences to the community.

or far too long the spectators of sport have had a bad deal. We would build upon the improved crowd behaviour in football and review future requirements.

We would wish the wisdom of supporters and players to find expression in this exercise. In all sports, we would seek to provide for the supporters as well as for the partici-pants. Their interests are insenarable.

In the wider field of recreation - fishing, sailing, canoeing, walking. ests, movement and dance and the needs of the handicapped - new initiatives would be taken. They would have high priority for the enjoyment of leisure, and a right of access to all its facilities is of great social

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importance. We are aware of the financial requirements of such a programme. We would immediately consult over the whole range of schemes now in operation or on the table - national lottery, sponsorship, levies, pools income and so on. We would rationalise their provision, increase their yield to sport, and so fulfil our

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OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Red Star ready to defy cup odds

By PETER ROBINSON

WHEN Robert Prosinecki left Red Star Belgrade last summer, it seemed to signal the break-up and decline of the European champions from Yugoslavia. When the country itself then began to disintegrate amid civil war and ethnic unrest, Red Star's fate was, in most eyes, all but

Yet tomorrow Red Star stand perhaps 90 minutes from their second successive European Cup final. Victory over Sampdoria will take them to Wembley on May 20 - whatever the outcome of their match with Anderlecht on April 15 — and the chance to defend the trophy they won in Bari last season. If they do step out at the Empire Stadium next month, Red Star's achievement will rank alongside any in the competition's history.

Belgrade has escaped the bitter fighting that has surrounded Croatia, but the troubles have nevertheless had an effect, not least in the ban from Uefa, European football's governing body, on Red Star playing their European ties at home. Thus they must play their semi-final round group A "home" game with Sampdoria in Sofia,

um in Belgrade stands idle.
They must also do without four of the side that beat Marseilles to win the Cup. including Prosinecki, although Savicevic and Pancev

- both due to join Italian clubs in the close season remain. The emergence of new faces, including Mihajlovic and Jugovic, has been an extraordinary bonus. Sampdoria won the clubs' earlier encounter in the

round-robin stage 2-0 in Genoa in November and another victory for the Italians would all but end Red Star's ambitions and instead put the Genoese on the brink of the final. Their recent form, however, has been patchy and they could only draw 1-1 with Napoli on Sunday. Red Star won a crucial Belgrade derby with Rad 2-1 to stay top of the Yugoslav league. Whatever the outcome in Sofia, Barcelona are likely to be awaiting the win-ners in London. They need just a draw from their visit to Sparta Prague to finish top of

In the Uefa Cup, Real Madrid meet Torino while Genoa face Ajax. AS Monaco play Feyenoord in the Cup-Winners' Cup and Bruges

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Spora Luxembourg, 15.5; 3, Union Lusembourg, 14.

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Zebrze 2; Widzew Lodz 2, Sasl Ameteo 1;
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Bydgoszcz 1, LKS Lodz 1; Zaglable

PORTUGUESE CUP: Cuarter-finais: Benfica 6, Espinho 0; Gal Vicente 0, Boawsta f, Lexoses 1, Pensilei 0. (FC Porto will play Beira-Mer, Farenze or Sporting Braga in the remaining quarter-final)

RUSSIAN LEAGUE: Group A: Spertak Viadicavias 2, CSKA Moscow 0; Dynamo Stavropoi 0, Dynamo Moscow 3; Tekstilehchik Karnyslan 1, Gaolog Tyumen 1; Faisel Voronezh 0, Uralmash Yeksterinburg 1, Group B: Rostselmseh Rostov-on-Don 2, Shinnik Yarostavi 0; Spartak Moscow 5, Krytya Sovyetow Samara 0; Kuban Krasnoder 0, Lokomotiv Nizhry Novporod 0.

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Injury threatens to rule Pearce out of cup final

BY CHRIS MOORE

STUART Pearce, the Nottingham Forest and England defender, goes into hospital today for an exploratory operation on the knee he injured in Sunday's Zenith Data Systems Cup final against Southampton.

Pearce played in only 17 minutes of the game at Wernbley before being forced to come off the field.

'We're not sure how serious the injury is, but we have got to say he is doubtful for the Rumbelows Cup final against Manchester United on April 12," Ron Fenton, Forest's assistant manager, said yester-day. He could also miss

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England's next game in their build-up for the European championships against the Commonwealth of Independent States - the former Soviet Union - in Moscow

"He's going to have keyhole' surgery, during which they will do whatever has to be done to clear things up," Fenton said, "but, until he's had the operation, we won't know the exact damage."

on Aprîl 29.

Last night, Graham Tay-lor, the England manager, expressed his concern over the latest threat to his aspirations of a successful venture to

Award winners boost United

TWO Manchester United players, at least, will have an extra reason for wanting to impress, if only their fellow professionals, at Carrow Road tonight. With their team attempting to return to the top of the first division, the onus is on Gary Pallister and Ryan Giggs to vindicate the judgment of those who

most admire them. Pallister shrugged off the pressure of his record £2.3 million transfer from Middlesbrough by being voted. Player of the Year at the Professional Footballers' Association annual dinner when Giggs became Young Player of the Year.

The PFA chief executive, Gordon Taylor, whose union's annual celebration was held against a background of a looming players' strike, said: "It is a tremendous tribute to United's scouting team, having unearthed one jewel in Sharpe, and then coming up with another this

Commenting on Pallister's success. Taylor added: "It's a tribute to Gary that he has overcome the tag of being the most expensive player in England. He's dealt with the pressure of that superbly, and now he's been recognised by his fellow professionals as one of the strengths of a United

team which is going for the

Pallister pipped the Not-tingham Forest and England full back, Stuart Pearce, into second place, with Pallister's United colleague, Steve Bruce, third in the voting. Gary Lineker, another of the candidates and considered one of the favourites, missed

The PFA's Merit Award, in the past handed to such luminaries as Bill Shankly, Tom Finney and Matt Busby, went to the Nottingham Forest manager, Brian Clough, to make it a memorable double after his team's Wembley triumph.

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just keeping my fingers jury is, it is not too serious."

"Stuart is the latest in a long list of internationals who have been injured this season. It's very unfortunate, but at this time you do not think about what it means to England and Nottingham Forest but to Street himself. I just hope he makes a complete recovery as quickly as

Meanwhile, Maurice Roworth! the Nottingham Forest chairman, has resigned following his arrest last week by police investigating an alleged fraud. Roworth, aged 63, had been chairman since 1983. He first joined the board in 1980 and will continue as a director. He is replaced by Fred Reacher, aged 59, a director since 1974 who served a three and a half year spell as vice-chairman in the Eighties.

"Maurice has a fine record as chairman and we are all sad that the need has come for him to tender his resigna-tion," Reacher said. "The board has gone along with his wishes and, having been elected to take over, I will do everything to keep things run-ning smoothly. It is a hectic time for the club on and off the field with the coming of the Premier League and the developments we have plan-ned for the City Ground."

☐ The Wimbledon manager,

Joe Kinnear, will learn today whether he is to face a second FA misconduct charge. Kinnear, already appealing against an £1,800 FA fine ter an incident involving a linesman in a reserve game confronted Corby official Gerry Lee after Saturday's 3-I home defeat by Arsenal. His Wimbledon predeces

sor, Ray Harford, now Kenny Dalglish's assistant at Blackburn Rovers, could face problems after an alleged touchline confrontation with the Barnsley manager, Mel Machin. Police intervened after the final whistle in a match that cost Blackburn top spot in the second divi-sion, but left it to the referee. John Watson, to inform the Football Association.

Taylor faces more problems

THE plans of the England before England fly out to manager, Graham Taylor, for the international match against the CIS next month could be upset by the demands of television.

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Taylor lost ten players from his squad for the full and B games in Czechoslovakia last week and his plans face further disruption, with Manchester United, Liverpool and Leeds playing on the Sunday Moscow.

Manchester United's game at Anfield has been put back 24 hours from Saturday, April 25 to be televised, kicking off at 3.25pm. Leeds are in action against Sheffield United on the same day. Taylor's last squad

included ten players from Manchester United, Liverpool and Leeds: Another

following Saturday. ☐ Luton Town is still open to offers, Roger Smith, the chairman, told a meeting of

shareholders yesterday.

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ALA DEI SARDI, Sardinia: Italian cross-country championship: Men: 10.8km; J Ngugi (Ken), 30min 43,7sec, Womest: 4,2km; S Sirms (Ken), 13min 48ec.

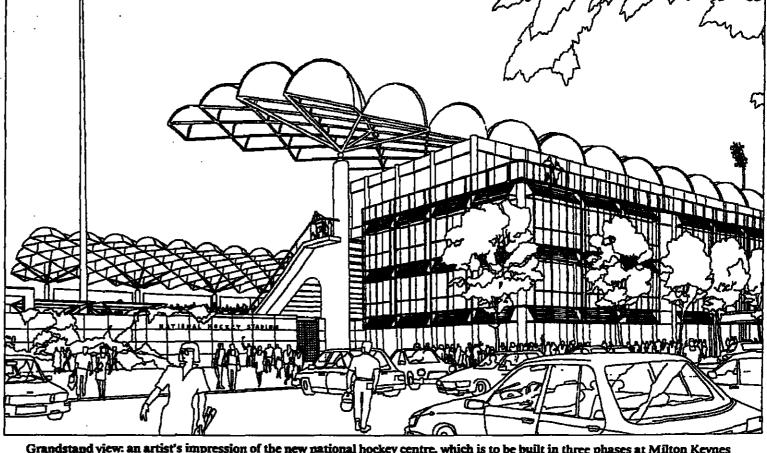
BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: London Towers 90 (P Scantisbury 16, Griffin 18), Hamel Hemaptead Royale 75 (Anglin 27, Burnell 13).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 107, Portland Trail Blazers 96; Detroit Pistors 107, Sen Antonio Sours 103; Boston Cellica 117, Atlanta Hawks 93; Los Angeles Leikers 117, Philadelphia 76ers 88; Dellas Maverica 105, Deriver Nuggets 96; Sacremento Kings 112, Minnesotz Timberwolves 86.

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spate of injuries from the two games could again force him to scout around for lastminute reinforcements, and he could face more withdrawals with managers wanting to safeguard players for the last full day of the season, the



Grandstand view: an artist's impression of the new national hockey centre, which is to be built in three phases at Milton Keynes

Dream centre moves nearer reality

BY SYDNEY FREKIN

THE long-cherished dream of a modern national hockey centre moved nearer reality when details of what is to be in it were released by its administrators, the National Hockey Foundation (NHF), at Milton Keynes yesterday. The announcement coin-

cided with legal documentation making the NHF the owners of the 18.5-acre site, which was purchased from the Milton Keynes Development Corporation. The centre, adjacent to

Milton Keynes Central station, will be a visible landmark. The first phase in its construction, costing £8.5 million, is expected to be completed by the end of 1993 and will incorporate two covered grandstands, an artificial turf pitch inside the stadium, a second pitch outside and an accommodation block.

commodation block include changing facilities and the offices of the Hockey Association and All England Women's Hockey Association. When finished, the centre -- being built in three phases - will have a spectar capacity of at least 18,000 with permanent facilities for the media. It could claim to be the finest hockey stadium in Europe. The Hockey Association and All England Women's Hockey Association - the

controlling bodies of the game in England — have appointed six members to The amenities of the acthe council of management for the NHF, which has been registered as a company. An application has been made for it to be given

Alongside the centre will be sites for a number of bedroom hotel, a fast food drive-in, petrol station and two car showrooms, which are being sold to help an overall project that is being funded from a combination of grant aid. sponsorship. fund-raising and commercial developments.

Michael Laurie, the project co-ordinator, is also agent for the sale of the commercial sites. The professional team is completed by YRM, the architect, YRM Anthony Hunt Associates.

the structural engineer, and Heckler Associates, the A sum of £1.5 million has already been promised by the Sports Council and a similar sum by the Foundation for Sport and the Arts. David Archer, the Eng-

25, aged 63, after a long He represented Great Britain in the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne and was capped 24 times by

land and Great Britain goal-

keeper from 1954 to 1959, died in London on March

CRICKET

Stephenson strikes again

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

FOUR wickets for John Stephenson's medium pace, including two in the first halfhour yesterday, continued his unexpected contribution as a bowler on the England A tour, when the third unofficial Test match with West Indies A continued here. The setbacks forced West Indies onto the defensive and, replying to England's first innings of 342, they were 236

for six by mid-afternoon. By then Stephenson had aken four for 35 from 23 overs, as he continued to bowl unchanged with almost metronomic steadiness. This was the fourth occasion on the tour he has had a four-wicket haul in an innings and with 18 first-class wickers at this point he was England's most

successful bowler. Clayton Lambert had ended a lean series with such a flourish the previous evening that West Indies, it seemed could take charge of the match if he had been able to continue in the same vein. But Stephenson had Lambert leg-before in his second over as he played half-forward.

his overnight 80, which included 14 fiercely driven and pulled boundaries. In Stephenson's fourth over Adams, another left-hander,

drove powerfully at a wide, half-voiley outside the off stump and Johnson took a good, low catch at extra cover. It continued a miserable sequence for Adams against England after he had made more runs than anyone else in the Red-Stripe Cup. In nine champions, Adams never knew failure, scoring 586

runs, with three centuries and

averaging 97.66. For West

Indies, though, he has now made 88 in four innings. Best remained completely unambitious as West Indies set about trying to rebuild their innings and he never looked comfortable when Salisbury replaced Malcolm. Best had added four runs in 85 minutes when he tried to lift Salisbury back over his head but skied a high catch that Munton did well to take

running backwards at deep

West Indies added 53 during the morning, but lost Holder immediately after lunch. In the first over Stephenson got a ball to rear and Holder was caught at slip. Soon afterwards Stephenson had Gray well held by Morris, low in the gully.

ENGLAND A: First Innings Biolinell b Benjamin Stephenson c Gray b Benjamin Ramprakash b Walsh Janeon b Benjamin Huseain low b Benie R A Pick c Best b Benj D E Melcolm not out 16 (10 14, w 2, nb 30) ...

Total FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-52, 3-135, 4-145, 5-290, 6-305, 7-300, 8-314, 9-3-2. BOWLING: Gray 25-4-74-2; Gibson 18-1-75; Wuldin 288-45-2; Benjemin 265-10-72-6; Parry 19-7-38-0; Best 9-3-22-0; Adams 2-1-245.

WEST INDIES A: First Innings
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-151, 3-154, 4-179, 5-203 6-218. Umpires: D Archer and L Barker

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

Aberdeen to stage city centre race

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

THE televised city centre road races held in the northeast, which over the years have attracted the likes of Peter Ellion and Jens-Peter Herold, are to undergo a character change this year. They will not be in the northeast, they will not be on the roads but the next one will be on a Saturday.

Aberdeen is to take over the osting of the event which is as much a festival of running as a fly-past of elite. In addition to international invitation races for men over one mile and 5,000 metres, and a women's 3,000m, there are club races for every age group of both sexes. The invitation events are to be shown live on BBC Grandstand on May 16 and therein lies the reason for

the transplant. Gateshead, last year's venue, cannot close its roads on a Saturday without inconvenience and has no flat park with suitable pathways. Aberdeen has Duthie Park and it is there that the races

RALLYING

HALL TINGS

STAGES RALLES: Pemberton Tyres
(Lanceshire) 1, M Rigby (Psugeot 205),
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32-10; 2, S Hendy (Escort), 75:03, 3, J
Sujoit (Escort, 75:03, Rallye Cern
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(Escort), 82-36; 2, M Davies (Escort),
82-36; 2, M Davies (Escort),
82-36; 3, M More (Escort),
84-40, Bother (South Weles): 1, McKerrell (MG
Metro SR4), 265-4; 2, R Gillingham
(Trhumph 117 VS), 22-24
(Rover SD1), 29-24

ESTERIL. France: Boys International: Scotland 5½, France 5½, Sweden 8½, flaly 3½; France 5½, Sweden 5½, Scotland 9, flaly 2½ Overalt: 1, France; 2, Sweden; 3, Scotland; 4, flaly

RUGBY UNION

will be held. "The BBC said they wanted the event on May 16 and we could not find anywhere that was prepared to close down its city centre on a Saturday," John Caine, the events director of Nova International, the promoting com-pany, said yesterday.

"Grampian Regional Council and the City of Aberdeen District Council Park contains Britain's second most popular winter gardens after Kew. Nova did not want a nur

along the promenade. Caine's response? "There is nothing but water between the coast of Aberdeen and Norway and on a windy day ..." Enough said.

Nova and the councils are underwriting the costs. The commitment of the two councils is "£70,000 and a lot of manpower." according to Jim Rust, the City of Aberdeen's head of leisure services. General Portfolio decided not to renew its backing.

Bad day for France

THE New Zealand and Italian teams cruised to comfortable wins on the first day of racing in the America's Cup challenger elimination semi-finals off San Diego yesterday.

The French yacht, Ville de Paris, skippered by Marc Pajot, not only lost to Il Moro di Venezia, skippered by Paul Cayard, but her experienced winch-grinder. Thierry Chappet, broke three ribs in a

Final four

Baskethall: Duke, the holders, will face Indiana and Cincinnati will take on Michigan in the semi-finals of the college championship at Minneapolis on Saturday, following the regional finals played over the weekend. RESULTS: East: Duke 104, Kentucky 103 (OT): West: Indiana 106, UCLA 75; Midwest: Cincinnati 88, Memphis State 57; Southwest: Michigan 75, Ohlo State 71 (OT).

Future talent

Boxing: A future generation of boxers converge on Edinburgh next Monday for the European under-19 amateur championships.

Doubles triumph

Rackets: Robert Walker and David Cruickshank, of Haileybury, won the public schools colts doubles championship after a high-quality final against William Hale and Tim Liverton, the Cheltenham pair, at Queen's Club

British hopefuls

Fencing: Great Britain have announced their team for the onships in Genoa from April 15-20. world youth fencing champi-

13-2U.
Ment: Folit: K Beydourt, M Bengry, D
MacFarlane (all Sussex House, London).
Epiec: C Howser (Kingston), A Baker
(Mentowbank), S MacFarlane (Whitglit,
Crydon), Sabres S Petts (Bistol Univ), A
Resce (Bristol Univ), P Barton (Kinge,
Taunton), Women: Folit: I, Rogerson
(Oldham), A King (Bristol), F Cowen
(Much: Wenlock), Epiec: G Uniter
(Macdowbank), E Neel (Leicester), E
McNab (Yeovil)

Record run

Athleties: William Mutwol. the silver medal winner in the world cross-country championships in Boston earlier this month, broke the world record for 5,000 metres on the road by 12 seconds when winning the Carlsbad 5000, just north of San Diego, in 13min 12sec.

Extended deadline Ice hockey: The National

Hockey League Players' Association has decided to extend its strike deadline until tomorrow afternoon to allow the rank-and-file membership to vote on the league's final offer, the union leader, Bob Goodenow, said

Rain in Lisbon

Tennis: Rain forced the postponement of the opening matches of the Estoril open tennis tournament at Lisbon's national stadium

Fate in balance Motor racing: Fisa, the international motor sports federation, is expected to announce today whether the 1992 world sportscar championship goes ahead.

WESTERN CONFERENCE BOWLS

LINCOLN: Mackeen mixed fours: Semi-finate Falcon 11, Torbay 9; Round-wood 12, Wey Valley 11, Finat: Round-wood 18, Falcon 11. BOXING

DERRY: National schoolboy finals: Cleas A (under-13): Under-28a; D Price (Overcam School, S Wales) bt L Buoldey (Feithern, Mickid, pts. Usfleg; S Wilson (Vorticam School, S Wales) bt L Buoldey (Feithern, Mickid, pts. Usfleg; S Wilson (Home Tutor, Hul) bt V Lynes (Camplon, Essed), pts. Usfleg; B Doherty (Cardinal Wilsonsen, London) bt S Hodgeson (Tudhoe Grange, Durham), pts. U42kg; R Hatton (Institution) bt S Hodgeson (Tudhoe Grange, Durham), pts. U42kg; R Hatton (Institution), ms. 1st md. U45kg; S Sweles (Lawrence Jackson, Cleveland) bt L Matthy (Standground, Cambs), pts. U48kg; A Latkine (Brakenhale, Smcknell) bt K Mitchell (St Hityd, Cardin), pts. U45kg; A Latkine (Brakenhale, Smcknell) bt K Mitchell (St Hityd, Cardin), pts. U51kg; S Bendall (Bishop Ulashame, Covenny) bt R Beck (Home Tutor, London), pts. U54kg; E Savage (Fitzallen, Cardin) bt T Eastwood (Hazniwick, Crawiny), pts. U54kg; Dove (Eastlea, London) bt M Standleid (Ringelon, Hull), pts. U38kg; D Price (Ackland Bughley, London) bt J Romey (English Mattyrs, Tynsside), pts. U48kg; C Deve (Castley, London) bt J Romey (English Mattyrs, Tynsside), pts. U48kg; S Rees (Tonyrelail, S Wales) bt J Cole (Yateley, Surrey), pts. U51kg; M Repplon (Speke, Mersayside) bl W Naurah (Lipson, Plymouth), pts. U51kg; C Lines (Campion, Essed) bt D Bardayankas (Airedale, Yorks), pts. U51kg; C Lines (Campion, Essed) bt D Brick (Haddenhale, Avon), pts. U42kg; X Lear (Woodside, London) bt J Rogers (Castle, Dudley), Pts. U45kg; J Lee (Essbourne, Darlington) bt R Recishaw (Holland Park, London) bt J Rogers (Castle, Dudley), Pts. U45kg; J Lee (Essbourne, Darlington) bt R Recishaw (Holland Park, London) pts. U45kg; J Lee (Essbourne, Darlington) bt R Recishaw (Holland Park, London) pts. U45kg; J Lee (Essbourne, Darlington) bt R Recishaw (Holland Park, London) pts. U45kg; J Lee (Essbourne, Essed), pts. U45kg; J Lee (Essbourne, Essed), pts. U45kg; J Thomas (Bishop Headley, Weises) bt N Coe (Hall Mand. Essen), pts. U51kg; F Febesey (Bootle) bt S Sargent (Hollyrield, Fessey (Bootle) bt

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mid-off

PERTH: Sheffleld Shield: Finel: Western Australia 396 and 99-4 (D Narryn 57); New South Wales 415 (M E Waugh 163, S R Waugh 131, J Angel 482). TOUR MATCH: Athlone, Cape Town (50 overs): Avendale Select X 208-9 (P Hawbrey 53); Warwickshire 171 (R Twose 90). Avendale won by 37 runs. CYCLING PERTUIS, France: Criterium two-day interrustional race: Second day: Morning stage (Fontaine-de-Vauchuse to Cheval-Blanc, SS km): 1. G Furtar (ft), 2tr 25min 31sec; 3, Jf Bernard (Fr), at 5: 4, A Copele (Lihuania), at 5: 5: E Cartioux (Fr), at 25: 5, M Leff (8), same time. Atternion stage (Avignon, 12km time-trial): 1, F Moreau (H), 14min 50sec; 2, Bernard, at 0:20sec; 3, A Kasputia (Liftuania), at 10: 4, J Buryned (Bet), at 15: 5, T Rominger (Switz), at 16: 6, C Marin (Fr), same time. Final overall standings: 1, Bernard, 7tr 41min (2sec; 2, Theunesse, at 20sec; 3, Furlan, 25: 4, Copele, 27: 5, Bruyned, 47: 6, Leff, 48: 7, 3 Roche (Ire), 54.

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C Suk, 8-3, 8-4, 6-4; Korde bt Sampras, 64, 6-3, 2-8, 6-3; Agness bt Novacok, 7-8, 60, 6-0); Buttzenfand bt Francos, 4-1 (in
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Onoine bt P Cane, 7-6, 4-6, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3; F

Rosee and C Motta bt Compones and D Narpiso, 6-1, 6-2 5-7, 3-6, 6-3; Colina bt S Pescososido, 6-4, 6-3, 3-6, 1-0 rici). ASIA-OCEANIA ZONE: Group two: Relegation play-oft: Jordan bt Singapore, 4-1 (in Amment; Japan bt China, 3-2 (in Totyo); Paldetan bt Bengladesh, 4-1 (in Dheka). Semi-finets: Treatend bt Melayels, 3-2 (in Kasla Lumpur; Hong Kong bt Sri Lanks, 5-0 (in Colombo). Group one: First resmat South Korse bt Taiwen, 5-0 (in Secul); Indonesia bt Philippiness, 4-1 (in Menta). AMERICAN ZONE: Group one: Second round: Uruguay bt Mexico, 3-2 (in Montavideo); Ecuador bt Esetern Caribbean, 3-2 (in Desentaria, 5-2 (in Caribbach, 3-2 (in Carib, 3-2 (in Nasassu); Cuba bt Colombia, 3-2 (in Carib, 10-1) (in Sentiago); Venezuele bt Colombia, 3-2 (in Carib, 10-1) (in Sentiago); Venezuele bt Colombia, 3-2 (in Nasassu); Cuba bt Colina, 3-2 (in Nasassu); C SAN ANTONEO, Texast: US women's hardcourt championalispa: Final: M harvatiova (US) bt N Tauziet (P), 6-2, 6-1. SINGAPORE: Men's open tournement: R Krishnen (In) bt C Scaemu (Ger.), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, P Heartuis (Neth) bt A Antoniech (Austrie), 8-4, 6-1; S Youl (Aus) bt D Polisikov (CS), 8-4, 7-5; P Kuhnen (Ger) bt A Manedori (Iar), 6-4, 6-4. VALOHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Anea play-off: Men: Metichpoint Bramhall 1, likey 2; Hallamshire Sheffield 2; Caserview Brantwood 1; Record Centre Assistance 9, Queen's Club 2:Team Excel Bath 0, Royal Berkshire 3. Women: Hallamshire Sheffield 2; Watchom Alfreion 1; Connaught Club London 0, Long Read Cambridge 2; Pesta Welvyn 3, Chne Lane Wolling 0; Queen's Club 2. Team Excel Bath 0.

ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool C: Group B (in Johannesburg): Israel 5. Luosmbourg 5: Stein 12. South Africa 0. Finel standings: 1, Spain, 10pts; 2, South Africa, 8; 3, Greco, 6; 4, Israel, 3; 5, Luosmbourg, 3, 6, Turkey, 0.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Philadelphic Fiyers 5, New Jessey Devits 3;
Washington Capitats 7, Vancouver Capacids 4, Wilmipeg Jets 8, Sen Jose Sharks 5; Detroit Red Wings 8, New York stateders 2; Hartford Whelers 2, Buffalo Sabres 2 (OT): Los Angeles Kings 2, Edmonton Oilers 2 (OT); Chicago Black Hawks 5, Toronto Mapie Lests 1. WALES CONFERENCE

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PFA and Premier League look for solution



Reid: would defy strike

AS THE strike ballot organised by the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) entered its second week, there was some feverish activity in football yesterday as the PFA and the Premier League sought to avert the threatened action by first division players.

The ballot closes on Friday and will be counted over the weekend by the electoral reform society, with the result due at the beginning of next week. If, as seems certain, there is overwhelming support for a strike, action is likely to follow quickly.
It is expected that the first

stage will be for the players

televised live on television, with the Manchester United v Nottingham Forest Rumbelows Cup final on April 12 the likely starting point. Manchester United's players have already confirmed their willingness to strike if required to do so.

There have already been suggestions by the clubs that they would respond with legal action. The Football League is ambivalent towards the strike, if not actively supporting it, so it would be unlikely to initiate such action. The suggestion that United and Forest would use their youth teams with European qualification at stake seems fanciful.

The consequences were beginning to concentrate minds yesterday and, if there were no talks per se, there were talks about talks. divides them. Rick Parry, the chief execu-tive of the Premier League, The intervention at the and Gordon Taylor, of the

PFA, spent some time trying to clear the air after a weekend of accusation and counter-accusation. Parry, for his part, remained optimistic that a solution could be found, insisting that the parties are "only a spit

Although there has been a lot of discussion of the players' demand for a full entitlement of ten per cent of television money. I under-stand that a formula giving them five per cent up to a minimum guaranteed figure and then ten per cent thereafter of the new television contract was nearly agreed

and that only the small print

weekend by Peter Swales, the chairman of Manchester City, who accused the players of just blindly following Taylor, who was solely responsible for the problem, did nothing to help the

Swales also muddied the

waters still further by referring to first division players' earnings, even though the point of the television mon-eys is to support welfare activities including the community programmes. youth training schemes, education and benevolent fund grants to older and former players hitting hard times, which benefit the PFA's 2.500-strong membership across all four divi-sions of the present Football

League.
"The television income for the PFA is a result of our first division members conceding their performers' rights for television appearances so that those moneys can go to benefit every-body." Taylor pointed out in an emotional speech on Sunday night.

"People ask what we do with the money. I'll tell you what we do with the money: last year, we spent £500,000 on a building so we could properly administer a community programme, which involves 60 clubs and cre-ates schemes for over 750,000 youngsters; we paid £250,000 in private medical fees; we paid payments to former players like the late Jimmy Mudie and Wilf Mannion; we paid over £250,000 from the accident fund to people like Ray Kennedy, who has certainly contributed to the tapestry

of this game." Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, was convinced and yesterday he added his voice to the cause — although he also said that he considered the television offer to be a "fair"

"I hope it does not come to conflict, but I think the PFA must be recognised as a body with an important part to play." Ferguson said.
"This is 1992 and is not just about the PFA counting

"They are a powerful, so-phisticated and respected organisation who do good work. While the first division players might earn big money, this is about the lower divisions as well."

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There was one chink in Manchester's total support for the possible strike. Peter Reid, the player-manager of Manchester City, admitted that he would cross the picket lines if it came to it.

The club must come first, and I'm a manager first and player second." Reid said, but there was, however, little solace in his reasoning for Swales, his chairman, "If I was just a player. I would follow the advice of Gordon Taylor, who has done so much for the players in all

League leadership may change hands

Preoccupation of hosts may benefit United

NORWICH City could be forgiven for regarding to night's match agains Manchester United, a match of immense significance, as little more than an irrelevant

Altghough the competition for places in their team to face Sunderland in Sunday's FA Cup semi-final a Hillsborough should be suffi cient to guarantee that the hosts ambition extends beyond the simple preservation of tired limbs, United could scarcely have picked a better time to seek a rare victory at Carrow Road and with it the chance to go top again after a

Although United's League form has been largely undistinguished of late. Alex Ferguson is confident that a psychological advantage can Leeds United as an intriguing battle for the championship nears its climax. "To be honest, it doesn't really matter who we are playing now because it is simply a case of making sure that we perform at our best in every game." the United manager said. "We won 3-0 at Norwich

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last year which was my first ever success at Carrow Road. Hopefully that signals a change of luck for me; the start of a run of victories on that eround."

With so many players at his disposal, Ferguson may make-up of his side despite his obvious satisfaction at securing a point against Queen's Park Rangers, at

Loftus Road, on Saturday. Although Webb is likely to win promotion from the substitutes' bench as a replacement for the injured Phelan, Sharpe is likely to be the main

A FREE HAND

WITH EVERY SPRING BREAK

make unforced changes in personnel. Robson is expected to play despite aggravating a calf injury at the weekend and Pallister is also likely to take his place even though his recovery from a painful back injury is not yet complete.

Steve Bruce, the United deedged that good fortune - or the lack of it - may ultimately decide whether the championship penant comes to rest at either Old Trafford or the final straight and we are hoping that we can get the bounce of the ball and the breaks which all teams chasing the title require," he said.

Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leeds, yesterday flew in the face of popular opinion by insisting that his side was more than capable of winning the championship for the first time since 1974.

"We are in a position at the top which nobody expected us to be in and I do not see it being unduly threatened," he said. "Our results since Christmas are as good as anybody's and certainly better than Manchester

Norwich's chances of achieving a morale-boosting victory have been somewhat reduced by the loss of Fleck. who is injured and Beckford, who is suspended.

Bruce Grobbelaar's fears that his erratic performance against Sheffield United on Saturday may have cost him his place in the Liverpool team, proved unfounded. He faces Notts County at Anfield tonight. Graeme Souness's decision to retain his goalkeeper is, perhaps, unexpected given the Liverpool manager's comment yester-day that his team "must stop giving away soft goals".

Nicol, Barnes and Wright will all, however, be missing as Liverpool attempt to secure a place in next season's Uefa Cup at the expense of a County side also in desperate need of League points, if for altogether less attractive reasons. REMARNING MATCHES: Manchester United: Norwich City (a), Manchester City (h), Southerspion (ri), Luton Town (a), Notthinghem Ferest (h), West Ham United (a), Liverpool (a), Tottenhem Hotspur (h), Leeds United: Manchester City (a), Creenses (h), Liverpool (a), Covernty City (h), Sheffield United (a), Norwich City (h).



Watery brave: Elizabeth Chick, the Oxford cox, is hoping to inspire the Dark Blues to their sixteenth Boat Race win in 17 years

Cambridge gain an edge in weight

By Mike Rosewell ROWING CORRESPONDENT

STATISTICS revealed at the Boat Race weigh-in yesterday suggest that Oxford and Cambridge are as well matched as Major and Kinnock, with Cambridge perhaps having the equiva-lent of a one-point electoral advantage in weight and

age.
Cambridge tipped the scales at 13st 95lb to Oxford's 13st 74lb, the heaviest man in the line-up being Donald Fawcett, of Cambridge, at 15st 4lb.

The 1992 crews in no v threaten any weight records either as crews or individuals. Both are well over a stone a man lighter than Oxford's record-breaking 1990 crew, which averaged 14st 12lb, and no one approaches the 17st 5lb bulk of Chris Heathcote, who rowed for Oxford in the

Same year.

Cambridge's average age, excluding their 38-year-old cox, Andrew Probert, is 22 years eight months — one month older per man than Oxford, although Oxford have the oldest oarsman in Joe Michels, aged 27, their American president.

The two youngest competitors, Nicholas Clarry, aged 20, of Cambridge, and Peter Bridge, 19, of Oxford, are both blues and were crewmates in the Great Britain gold medal junior coxless four in 1990. Bridge also won a gold medal in the Britain under-23 eight last summer before going on to gain senior representation in a coxed pair in Vienna, when Probert was his

On the water, Cambridge spent their two outings

alone yesterday, completing a five- and three-minute row in the morning and speed work in the afternoon. Oxford, after a long morning paddle, did two threeminute rows against Isis.

their reserve crew, in the

afternoon, winning by half-a-length and two-and-a-half lengths.

CXFORD: K K Poole (Magdalen College School and St John's), 13st 48b, bow; J G Michele (St John's College HS, Lasalle Univ and University), 13st 2½lt; B Mevra (Mahematicka Gimnzija, Belgrade, Imperie College, London, and Jesus), 14st 8b; "H P M Hume (St Albans, Washington DC, Yale and Pembroke), 13st 2½lb; "P A J Bridge (Eton and Oriel), 13st 13½lb; "C A Maclennan (Camp Hil GS, Keble and Green), 14st 5½lb; S G Davy (Eton and afternoon, winning by half-

Disabled athletes bitter

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN TIGNES

THE Winter Paralympic Games here in the French Alps are supposed to be the parallel Olympics for the disabled, but many of the athletes are angry that they are not being awarded the status

of true Olympians.
Only those countries whose paralympic associations are under the umbrella of their national Olympic committees - countries like the United States - are allowed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to carry the Olympic logo of five interlocking rings on their tracksuits. For countries like Britain, who have separate bodies running able-bodied and disabled sport, they must not be seen to be competing under the Olympic banner. For the British athletes, this

is particularly galling. They arrived in Tignes kitted out for the first time with the same tracksuits as their ablebodied counterparts and were told they had to tape over the Olympic logo.
"Maybe they think the dis-

abled are going to degrade the Olympics," Peter Young, one of the Nordic skiing team, said. The copyright of the logo

belongs to the IOC and can be used by the various national Olympic associations for marketing purposes to

raise funds for their Olympic squads. The national associations are loath to spread the appeal for money to their disabled associations.

In 1988 the Seoul Paralympics created a logo of their own, depicting five teardrops in the same colours and formation as the Olympic rings, but this, too, ran into trouble with the IOC when it was adopted by the paralympic movement world-wide. When national associations, led by the British Olympic Association, protest-

ed, the IOC stad that the Paralympics could use the teardrops logo for identifica-

promotion with me."

Damiani hopes to meet Bruno

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

FRANCESCO Damiani, of Italy, could be boxing in London in May. The former World Boxing Organisation heavyweight champion, who earlier this month was reported to have turned down \$300,000 for a bout with Frank Bruno, has decided that he wants to meet Bruno after all, according to Frank Warren, the London promoter. However, Bruno's promoter, Mickey Duff, has turned down the offer.

Warren said yesterday that Damiani had appointed him his agent and told him he wanted to meet Bruno. He had therefore written a letter to Duff asking him to join him in the promotion. Warren said: "Now that I am Damiani's British agent, I'll fax Mickey Duff asking him if he is interested in a joint

Warren said that he would be prepared to pay the purses offered to Bruno and Damiani by Duff when the match was first opposed. "If I can't get Bruno, I'll put Damiani on anyway in May," Warren said.

Having already arranged a bout for Bruno with José Ribalta, a Cuban-born New Yorker, on April 22 at Wernbley Arena. Duff said he was not interested in Warren's offer. "I don't want to be involved in a promotion with Warren," Duff said. "I spoke to Damiani and his manager and they turned down Bruno. I don't want Damiani any more."

Duff said that Damiani had signed a contract to box three contests under Don King, the American promoter, and doubted if Damiani would be free to come to London in the near future.

☐ Chris Pyatt will make his first appearance as a middlewewight in Norwich tonight with a bout against Melvin Wynn, of the United States.

Pyatt, formerly a light-middieweight, said yesterday: There is not a middleweight in Europe I feel can trouble me now, including the British champion, Herol Graham, and the European champion. Sumbu Kalambay, who are both past their best."

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Policeman fined for mass arrest

By JOHN GOODBODY

A SWEDISH police officer responsible for the arrest of 101 England football supporters before the World Cup qualifier in 1989 was yesterday fined for malfeasance.

A district court in Stockholm found Olaf Gustavsson guilty of illegal arrest when he ordered the rounding up and expulsion of England followers, who had rampaged through the capital's shopping district. The size of the fine will be based on the income of the police officer. The court said that the officer should have investigated

each individual case to estab-

lish whether the youths were

guilty of crimes. A group of

supporters had raced through the centre of the city, shouting abuse, slapping passers-by and ripping cloth-ing off sales racks outside

Police responsible for security at the European championship this June said that the conviction would not affect the planning for the event, in which England are among the eight qualifiers. Steve Beauchampe, the in-

ternational officer of the Football Supporters' Association. said: "It is encouraging that the Swedish court is insisting on individual examination of cases to establish guilt. This is completely different from what happened at the World Cup in Italy, particularly at Rimini, when there was a mass deportation of many innocent supporters after an incident in a bar. "This decision from Swe-

den is a good sign for the European championship. We deplore lawlessness from whatever quarter, but it is essential that each case is looked at individually, otherwise innocent people will suffer."

Before the World Cup qualifying game on September 6, 1989, the Tor Britannia ferry was obliged to return to Harwich on its crossing to Sweden because of fighting among rival English supporters, with one being lost overboard. The hooliganism before and after the match led Football Association to consider very carefully" whether to withdraw from the 1990 World Cup. However, the scale of the

violence in Stockholm was disputed by the governments, police, supporters and media. The total arrests were 104 Swedes, 100 English, one Finn and one German.

The England followers were held overnight in prison. where they were able to watch the match on television, and then released. None of the English supporters was charged with any offences, which led to protests from Douglas Hurd, then home secretary, and Colin Moynihan, then minister for sport.

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Tomorrow belongs to the Scots

Magnus Linklater, editor of The

Scotsman, on the new controversy

surrounding an old issue - Scottish independence from Westminster

he woman was hopping mad. Two bright red spots burnt on her cheeks. Her fist clenched, dangerously I thought. "What are you trying to do to us?" she demanded. "What is the point of it? It's so ... so irresponsible."

The scene was an Edinburgh

drawing-room, the time pre-election, the issue Scottish independence. My role in this particular contretemps was that of messenger, always a vulnerable one, particularly when the message is an unpopular one (at least with the

woman in question).

My newspaper, The Scotsman, had staged a raucous debate on the constitutional question in Scotland, and had then run an opinion poll which had turned up an unexpected (and not thereafter repeated) finding: that 50 per cent of the Scottish people favoured independence. Not just a separate assembly or parliament, but allout. Scottish Nationalist-style independence.

The woman did not like it, found it thoroughly alarming, and blamed me for inflaming the populace. In her eyes, the mere fact of running such subversive material was tantamount to leading Scotland full-tilt towards a dangerous and unpredictable

future. Most of her friends agreed. Her view is by no means an isolated one in Scotland now. As the election looms and the possibility, even the prospect, of serious constitutional change becomes a reality, one encounters, among a certain section of Scottish society, a deep hostility, even fear, of the threat this poses to the Union and the status quo. It emerges mainly in conversations with business people, particularly in the financial community, and especially among those who have significant

interests south of the border.

The argument is out this way: why should anyone in England or continental Europe or, say, Japan, want to place business with a company in Scotland, when the long-term political future of the country is so uncertain? To swap the deep comfort of Westmins rule for the hurly-burly of selfpovernment whatever form it takes, is to place at risk 285 years of progress within a tried and tested constitutional framework. It is not, they hasten to add, that devolution is necessarily bad in itself, it is the prospect of instability that is such a worry. There will be more taxes, more bureaucracy, more government. And that, viewed from the boardroom eyrie.

means more socialism. There is a little more to it than that. What the woman in the New Town drawing-room might not be so willing to admit to is the fear of more Scottishness. This was an issue that loomed large during the 1979 referendum debate. It was caricatured by the writer Tom Nairn as "the cultural sub-nationalism of tartarry," an instinct for Little Scotlandism that might cut the country off from the world and confine it to the grim and narrow shores of its own self-image.

Many of those in the board-rooms and the drawing-rooms have an instinctive distrust of those who might wield power in the new Scotland. They know little about them, but what they do know they distrust.

that it does not accept what has been happening, both in Scotland and in the wider world, over the past decade. There is no sugges-tion here of recognising a new opportunity or challenge, no willingness to respond to the groundswell of opinion.
Instead, there are gloomy warnings of the dangers that could

lie ahead. Not, of course, that they wanted to interfere with the demomight have to move south, putting local jobs at risk.

major company with branches outside Scotland has announced

who take this view of the average voter? There seems little understanding of the changes that have taken place within Scotland itself. and in Europe, which have influ-enced public opinion and moved it independence.

rolling out the cannons is any different now, and still seems to-see a devolved Scotland as being essentially a socialist Scotland.

revealing. In the divisive days of the 1970s, a Scottish assembly Strathciyde and Lothian. Then, large parts of the country, particu-larly in the Highlands and the from the terms of the referendum

The pity about this attitude is

cratic process, but it was worth bearing in mind that if voting went the wrong way, they just More recently Lord Weir, head of the firmly Scottish-based Weir

engineering group, announced that he would shift 2,000 jobs out of Scotland in the event of independence. And one Scottish bank-er told me that a client who runs a that he will move his account to an English branch the moment he is told that change is on the way.
This view sees the rising demo-

cratic tide as something wilfully encouraged by a biased media. If only the voter was properly informed, they say, he would rapidly understand the dangers of reform and cling to the status quo. But how well-informed are those

in the direction of greater An organisation called Scotland Says No, which fought against change in 1979, is reconstituting itself to fight the same battle. There is no evidence that it believes the ground over which it is

The use of the word socialist is was seen as handing over power to a socialist state controlled by Borders, dissociated themselves for precisely this reason. Orkney and Sheiland opted out, and there was widespread disagreement about the proposals on offer, which were seen as ceding power to the Labour party's left wing. Much of that has changed. The Labour party has been reformed, and its left-wing activists have gone. It has taken part in crossparty talks in the Constitutional Convention which has been sitting since 1988 to discuss the practicalities of Scottish what has happened abroad. rawing support from interest groups all over the country, the con-vention has gone to great lengths to ensure a voting

outside world. It is no coincidence that renewed talk of self-determination has taken place at the same time as the Soviet Union has broken up and the nations of eastern Europe have achieved autonomy. It might be a mistake to draw too close a parallel between a communist-oppressed state breaking free of Moscow and Scotland beating a mild retreat from Westminster, but there is no doubting the symbolic effect of

A closer parallel, perhaps, lies nearer home in the so-called "Europe of the regions". There has been intense interest in Scotland in the way the German Lander (provinces) work, in the federal system within which they success-fully function, and in their direct

access to Brussels. In Spain, where devolution in provinces like Cata-lonia has gone hand in hand with growing prosperity, in Italy where the Lombardy League is flexing its muscles, and even in France. allegedly the most centralised of European states, regionalism is the flavour of the decade.

The idea of being able to lobby Brussels directly and to negotiate through a Scottish office in Europe rather than under the UK umbrella is an attractive idea to many Scots. Strathclyde, the largest local authority, has already set up its own office in Brussels, and

has done well as a result. How much all of this will weigh with the voter on April 9 is a moot point. The polls show that issues like health and education are still at the top of the agenda, but the constitutional question has moved steadily up the list to fifth position. When asked how they would like Scotland to be run, most vote for a separate Scottish partiament within the union, and are apparently happy to see it equipped with tax-raising powers. The independence option has never again achieved the astonishing 50 per cent mark it showed during our poll in February. Currently, it stands at 37 per cent, with the Scottish National Party on 27 per cent. This gives the SNP a real opportunity of splitting the Labour and

from Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, showed last week, believe it is in their interests to encourage this split, and have suggested that people should choose between the two real alternatives on offer independence or the status quo leaving the middle ground exposed. This could, of course, backfire badly, as Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, the Tory MP facing a strong SNP challenge in Perth and Kinross, pointed out. Both he and Mr Lang, in Galloway and Upper Nithsdale, could fall to the SNP if the transport SNP if the trend continues.

The Scots are great tactical voters. The same Scotsman poll showed that more than a third of the electorate is prepared to use its vote to oust sitting MPs or keep other candidates out. Signs of voter volatility in the marginal seats are particularly pronounced between the Labour party and the SNP - which could, in practice,

work against the Tories.

Everyone realises the stakes are high, and that the choice on offer could make a serious difference to the way Scotland is governed. To say we live in interesting times is putting it mildly.

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Saturday night at the Shinto Ritual

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wonderful places we take you to in our April issue. The unspoiled island of Cousins in the Seychelles, for instance, where tourists rarely set The mysterious source of the great and sacred Ga

be following in anyone's footsteps.



The imperial egoism of a cat

system that would not allow a

single party to dominate. The fact

that Alex Salmond's Scottish Nat-

ional Party and the Conservatives

have opted out should not detract

from an extraordinary develop-ment that has seen the Labour

party overcoming its age-old an-

tipathy to proportional representa-

tion and accepted its use in electing a Scottish parliament.

The make-up of that parliament

shows every sign of being a more

civilised version of Westminster, a

proper debating chamber in

which, ironically, the Tories would

do well. In fact, their best chance

of making a serious comeback in

Scotland would be to take part in

the discussions and fight their

corner in the the convention,

rather than pretend it does not

More important, however, has been the change in attitude to the

The old mutt is on the best sofa again. I know it. Only five minutes ago. I was in the sitting-room and shouting at him to get down. Mrs C, the daily, said she would have told him herself when she got round to brushing down the sofa but he didn't seem to be doing any harm for the moment. I went off to the kitchen to make a cup of coffee. then I sneaked back and, sure enough, he was full-stretch in the middle of the sofa, his head hanging off the side like a ventriloquist's dummy, and Mrs C was dusting with her back to him.

I shouted at him to get down and she said, "Oh, I didn't notice he was back up there." I said I understood, he was so easy to miss, being only 60lbs of shaggy white mutt about as inconspicuous as a merino sheep on a slag heap. She said he was a poor old boy who needed his comfort and we ought not to be too hard on him. I said he had been working that number on us since the death of Chemenko and he was going to outlive the sofa, the Queen Mother, the century and me.

The old must will be 13 in May. Dreading his death, I have been a fool for the love of this pooch for seven years. He has wrung out every wither of sentiment, exacting

warmest spots by the fire, the tenderest warm showers and dry

towellines after wet walks. In the last two years, he has camped up the strains of his arthritis to such joint-groaning stiffness that I no longer ask him to jump in the back of the car but lift him into the footwell of the passenger seat. (He miraculously overcomes this disability when he scents the possibility of a dogbiscuit, nor does the deafness which allows him to ignore all spoken commands seem to trouble him when he hears a tin-opener cranking up, a feat of perception he can perform, through three doors, from a bed at the top of the house.) I have even been known to wrap this old con-artist in a blanket and put a cushion under his head for his better comfort at night on the sofa in my own 100m. He closes his eyes with a sigh which breathes, "Sucker!"

You don't get this trouble from cats. They've got too much sense of their own self-worth to bother with sentimental manipulation. When did you ever see a cat abase itself for the sake of a kind word or a cuddle? When, for that matter, did

you ever know a cat to apologise? Contrition is alien to the feline world: it would amount to an MID LIFE

Neil Lyndon's pets make him feel like a cartoon granny



admission of fault, which cannot be allowed. If being a cat means never having to say sorry, it also means you will never find a cat acting sorry for itself, even when it is dying. They don't want sympathy. They know they're on the way

out: leave them to get on with it. There is a cat in this house much older than the mutt. He is scrawny now in the shanks and misty in the eyes and he spends most of his days on top of the boiler, whiling away the hours to the end. In the afternoon, he sometimes parks himself on the high-cushioned back of my desk-chair and sleeps there, behind my head, while I work. This is not, however, a concession to conviviality: it happens to be the best place to catch

the rays of the sun going west. He is the last surviving son of my first cat. She, an alley mog and demon scrapper, was given to me by a girlfriend when I lived in a Soho flat where I fought nocturnal battles of trench warfare with death-squads of mice from neighbouring restaurants. She saw them off like a pike in a shoal of perch. When I moved back to the country, she turned her killing arts to rabbits and moles, dragging to the back door stiffs which sometimes weighed as much as she did.

Two nights before she died, she climbed on to my lap at dinner and would not be removed. She stayed there for about two hours. fastened in a connection which I recognised, posthumously, to have been her knowing farewell. You can't tell me a cat doesn't know when it's got cancer. Only dogs and humans are that insensate.

The worst thing about keeping animals is not that they make a monkey out of you while they live

head. The youngest cat is sitting in a drawer of my filing cabinet. I suppose I must look like the grannie in Giles's cartoons with three cats perched on her bonnet. That's all right: there is worse company to be had in the world.

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Party rosette:

the civilised way?

but that they rip you up when they die. Cats go nobly to their end but

their owners go to pieces.

This grieving doesn't get any easier to bear with age. The deaths

of our dogs when I was a child did not touch me more than the end of

the alley mog which came in my fortieth year. When my wife's

favourite cat was killed on the road

outside our house, we were in

for a grown-up to carry on; and I

would have to agree. On the other

hand, I reckon that you may not

fully know yourself as a poor, bare,

forked animal if you have never

surrendered to the imperial ego-

ism of a cat or recognised that a

dog has sussed out every sentimen-

The mutt has moved now to the

corner of the sofa in my room. The

young Golden Retriever is grunt-

ing in her sleep beneath my desk.

The old cat is purring behind my

tal wrinkle of your character.

You may feel that this is no way

mourning for three days.

TOMORROW Single Life: Lynne Truss



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TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM: TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM:
Continuing the series, Simon Rattle and the City of Berningham Symphony Orchestra give three performances of the seminal piece by Schomberg, Pierrof Lunaira, with Debussy's evocative erchestral Images, composed over the period from 1905 until 1912 (with Emanuel Ax as the soloist). There is also Protoffer's First Plano Concerto (1911-12) in the programme which is repeated at the Symphony Hell tomorrow and at the Fastival Hell on Friday.

St David's Hell, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 371236), 7.30pm.

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: The highlight of the company's spring season is a new production of season is a new production of Debusay's Páliesa et Mélisande, conducted by Pletre Boulez and produced by Peter Stein, with Alison Hagley (Mélisande), Neill Archer (Páliess) and Donald Maxwell (Golaud) heacting the cast. The production is performed in Birmingham this week logether with Mozart's Megic Flute and the Verdi opera, Ernani. Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (U21-622 7486), 7.15pm

OPERA 80: The company moves to Reading this week with its adequate staging of Mozan's Dan Giovenni, directed by Stephen Medcelf, designed by Loz Brotherston and conducted by her Butter. by Les creatments and consciouse by vor Soliton. Glovanni is elegantly sung by David Ellis. Clara Venables's production of the Britten opers Abert Henring is also in the touring repertoire. Hexagon Theatre, Queen's Walk, Reading (0734 591591), 7.30pm.

ny moves to Blackpool this week ning two programmes. The ful-Romeo and Juliet is performed

☐ ANNA KARENINA: Flair and imagination in Shared Experience's rewarding version of Toistoy's novel. Tricycle, Kibum High Road, NWS (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Sat, 4pm. 165mins. Finel week.

THE COTTON OLUB: An Impression of the Hartem nightspot: high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-536 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Set, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Frief's Olivier Award-winning memory-play, set in Thirties Donegal, Garrick, Chering Cross Road, WC2 (071-494-5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

THE DARK RIVER: Accomplished revival of Flodney Ackland's 1937 drams: nalvety and nostalgia in an England drifting towards war.

Orange Tree, Clarence Street.

Sickmond (991-949 3533) Man

■ DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superb in Ariel Dorfman's Chilean political drams. Best play of 1991. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Set, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Set, 4pm. 120mins.

DIGGING FOR FIRE: A drunken ☐ DisGaing FOR FIRE: A crunken requiem for modern relared by Declan Hughas, a savege indictment upliftingly played. Bush Green. W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 140mins.

DOWN AND OUT IN PARIS AND LONDON: Peines Plough make Orwel's wintry book a feast of clever steging and sharp vignattes of acting. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (061-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

☐ ELEEMOSYNARY: Three genera-tions of clever women, expert in spelling but emotionally troubled. Refreshing play by Lee Bleesing, subty acted. Greenwich Shutla, Prince of Orange, 189 High Road, SE10 (081-858 2862). Tues-Sun, 8pm.

AN EVENING WITH GARY
LINEKER: Sometimes droll look at the
fantasies of a frustrated woman

NEW RELEASES HIGH HEELS (18): Lukewarm, telkative melodrame of family secrets from Spain's master of camp, Pedro

MGM Chelses (071-352 5098) Gats (071-727 4043) Lumlère (071-836 0691) Screen on the HIII (071-435 3366).

♦ FREEJACK (16): Emilio Estevez is kidnapped into the future for a mind transplent. Depressing high-tech adventure; with Mick Jagger, Anthony Hopkins. Director, Geoff Murphy. MGM Futham Road (071-370 2835) MGM Hymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

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• MY OWN PRIVATE IDAHO (18): Gus Van Sant's quirky portrait of two drifters searching for a place to call home: striking and aggravating by jurns. With Privar Phoenix, Keanu Reeves. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) MGM Fulham Road (071-435 2433) MGM Shafisebury Avenue (071-836 5279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520).

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good. Crushingly dail, with clichés
galore. With Scott Balada, Hector
Elizondo; director, Stan Dragott.
MGM Oxford Street (071-836 0310)
Plaza (071-497 9999). CURRENT

BARTON FINK (15): The Cost brothers' marvellous mecabre cornedy about a New York playwright all at sea in 1940s Hollywood. Starring John Turturo, John Goodman. A triple Cannes prizewinner. Berblean (671-658 2001) Boods (771 Carnes prizewinner. A triple Carnes prizewinner. Berbican (071-638 8891) Renoir (071-837 8402).

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and Inment compiled by Karl Knight

until Wednesday, and from Thursday to Setundary the programme changes to a triple bill compraints Semsova's staging of the Laurencia pas de six, Nuterpoints Semsova's ter Suite and Peler Darrell's Grand Theatre, Church Street, Blackpool (0253 28372), 7.30pm.

OTTO DDC The German painter is income in this country by a few paintings from his "critical realist" phase. This retrospactive shows that he began with innocuous self-portraits, was shocked into Expressionals violence and Dada sawagery by the first world war, and ended the Twenties as an adherent of the Neue Sachlichkeit (new objectivity), using probing realism to ambody social ortholars. During the Nazi period he bound refuge in retigious painting and landscape. Afterwards he took on a cloudy sort of symbolism, and ended with unspamp portraits of the artist in old age. A thrilling odysacy which marks Dix as a significant figure in 20th-century art.

Tatts Gellery, Millbank, London SWI (171-821 1313), Mon-Sat, 10em-5,50pm, sm. 2-5,50pm, umil May 17.

MAMIST, ALIGHTER: Leading fringe

MANSLAUGHTER: Leading fringe group Red Shift in the world premiere of Robin Brown's play on the relationships between women and the

esbands they kill, inspired by the scent Sere Thornton court case. Ketie

Normington directs. BAC, Old Town Hall, Levender Hill, London SW11 (071-223 2223), 7.30pm.

FIGHTING FOR THE DUNGHILL: A

first play by Guy Jenkin, suther of Drop the Dead Donkey, on the tite of canceturist Gillray (James Bolam), accurge of politicians in Georgian

England. Warehouse Theatre, Dingwell Road, East Croydon (081-560 4060), 8pm.

THE SOLDIER'S TALE: A staging of

Stravinkey's enti-opera, choreograph (and danced) by Royston Maldoom, directed by Michael McCarthy, which

oreoried by Mincisel McCarriy, which forms the centrepiece of an evening of music, dance and theatre. Andrew Durscombe conducts players from the Scottleh Chember Orchestra...
Trammery, 25 Albert Drive, Glasgow (041-423 1333/041-227 5511), 7pm.

Toksvig. Dedicated tans only. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115), Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3pm. 135mins.

THE SEA: Judi Dench splendid as the village grande-deme in Edward Bond's comedy of rage and madness. National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.15pm and

CI SOME LIKE IT HOT: But what we get is bukewarm. Tommy Steele in poor resiscal version of the film. Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, WI (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Spm. 185mins.

III STRAIGHT AND NARROW:
Nicholes Lyndhurst, Neil Daglish and
Carmel McSherry in literable comedy
about a doling mother's wornies,
notably her gay son.
Wyndham's, Chering Cross Roed,
WC2 (UT-1867 1118). Mon-Set, Spm,
mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 130mins.

☐ A TRIBUTE TO THE SLUES

BROTHERS: Lively perade of tuneful cidles. Good fun. Whitehell, Whitehell, SW1 (071-887 1119). Mor-Thurs, 8, 15pm, Fri, Sat, 6, 15pm and 9pm, 120mins.

LONG RUNNERS:
Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-838 S972).
Bood Brothers: Phoenix (071-837 1044).
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Cata: New London (071-405 0072).
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Cont: Don't Dress for Dinner: Apollo (071-494 5070).
Chamed Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045).
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Drasmocet: Palladium (071-494 5037).
Me and My Girk Adelphi (071-494 5045).
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THEATRE

Ludicrously **Sibylline**

WE CRITICS are used to finding bits of plays, sometimes quite large and long bits, pretty preposterous. But seldom before now have I spent an entire evening in a theatre believing nothing at all. Heidi Thomas, the young author of Some Singing Blood. has already won several awards. including the coveted John Whiting prize, and doubtless deserves them. Why, then, do she and director Jules Wright ask us not so much to suspend disbelief as to hang, draw and quarter

First there is Anton Rodgers, a corpulent, florid figure who stalks grumpily off to pot rampaging elephants in his khaki shorts, jerkin, cartridge belt, neckerchief and Crocodile Dundee hat. He is supposed to be a long-serving Zimbabwean planter called Tudor, but the impression he leaves is more incongruous. It is as if Dickens's Mr Pumblechook were cast in the leading role in an ad for Australian lager. And he is only the start of the evening's oddities.

Out from England, to disturb his vaguely sado-masochistic bond with his African sidekick Matthew, comes Julia Ford's feisty young Alison. She bears the ashes of her father, who apparently continued to nurse a suspiciously warm affection for Tudor, despite having been abandoned by him in a swamp during the Korean war. But the cinders are barely out of their cake-tin before Alison is telling the glum old planter he looks "like a lost stag staring at a stone", a stance she seems to find erotic. A moment later the two of them, lost stag and Bambi, are "falling off the edge of life" into bed.

Some Singing Blood **Royal Court Upstairs**

The title suggests that they make each other's blood "sing", to which the response can only be an appalled: sing what?

Enter Alison's mum, anxious to stop her daughter's marriage to Tudor, yet inexplicably bringing with her a fancy cream wedding-dress. Is she quite mad? No, she is Prunella Scales, adding a satiric touch to the increasingly irksome proceedings. She says a lot of fake genteel, Joe Ortonish things in her Sybil Fawlty voice: "If there's one thing I can put a stop to, it's sexual conjunction," "I loved my husband more than life itself, even if he did get demobbed with one leg shorter than the other," and "His moans always sounded the same, it was like making love to an

iron lung." But the audience laughed little, perhaps because Scales's interventions served mainly to diminish a commodity already in short supply. namely reality. How were they to react to dialogue that veered so abruptly from the earnestly stilted (Tove just landed and I sported it covertly, like a shirt not of my choosing") to the self-consciously jokey? How were they to cope with a production as painfully uncertain in tone as Jules Wright's? The people beside me came up with the simplest answer at the interval. They did not

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Tudor misalliance: Iris (Prunella Scales) has come all the way to Zimbabwe to confront her daughter's ageing fiancé (Anton Rodgers)

ROCK

Still going strong

Crosby, Stills and Nash Hammersmith Odeon

AN AVUNCULAR David Crosby, looking nowadays like some benignly eccentric Disney professor, tried un-successfully to recall the last time he'd played the venue. "It's like that old oke about the Sixties," he covered. "Anyone who says they can remember them, wasn't there."

He was sure, however, that the occasion had involved climbing up onto the roof to smoke hash - a reminiscence which provoked the first of many outbreaks of frenzied whooping from an audience old enough to know better but damned if they could care. Production value was cheerfully

non-existent for CSN's first British date in a decade, "No smoke bombs, and no dwarf throwing food in slow motion - there's just us chickens," came the early warning from a

FORGET, for a moment, the male

exclusivity, the ostentatious audiences

and the almost tangible arrogance of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

It is, in the end, a superb ensemble,

graced with a glorious string sound

(even the back desks play with a

soloist's pride and, sometimes, gait).

and lent a degree of uniqueness by its

wind instruments which have been developed independently from those

customarily used by other orchestras

around the world. Of its type, it is

To mark the passing of a century and a half since its founding by the

composer Otto Nicolai - milestones.

as Mozart Year demonstrated, are

crucial to the industry in Vienna -

the organisation of some sort of

extravaganza was imperative. It con-

sisted of a weekend crammed with

receptions, given by anyone who could get in on the act. Even the

Austrian president, Kurt Waldheim,

honoured the orchestra with a speech

at the official ceremony on Saturday

unrivalled, and knows it.

greying Graham Nash. A still handsome Stephen Stills eschewed such self-deprecating small talk, preferring to allow his guitar to speak for him on a spell-binding code to "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes", the first true moment of drama in an amiable but rambling set.

Faithful versions of "Helplessh Hoping" and "Blackbird" found the renowned CSN close harmonies impressively intact. Short solo show-cases looked like proving more of a test of nerves. On two new songs, Nash sounded uncannily like Phil Collins. A recent Crosby composition was heavy on sincerity but light on structure, and his reading of "Almost Cut My Hair" loudly self-righteous.

But when Stills came forward with a wonderfully rhythmic "Love the One You're With", he established a much-needed momentum. And his partners found a matching urgency as they rejoined him for versions of "Southern Cross" and "Wooden Ships" fresh enough to prove CSN capable of doing more than merely rehash old moves and which provided the set's best collective moment.

DANCE

Winning tricks

Birmingham Royal Ballet Sadler's Wells

WHAT a good dancer Sandra Madgwick is, and more versatile than she is sometimes given credit for. Last week I watched her dance the lead in Les Sylphides with a beautifully lyrical quality: crisp and exact in little runs during the duet, buoyant in the mazurka solo, but giving a total

impression of soft gentleness. Then the next night she led the cast in Balanchine's Mozart Divertimento 15, making the fiendishly quick. complex steps of her solo look almost impossibly easy. How can I describe the amazing effect of such speed, precision and delicacy, so perfectly timed and exhilaratingly done?

But something has gone wrong with Birmingham Royal Ballet's production of Petrushka. It was never an ALAN JACKSON | ideal production, and it has been

allowed to run down. Sharpness and detail have gone from almost all the characterisations - Desmond Kelly's old showman honorably excepted. As for atmosphere, everyone is so busy jiggling about that the feeling of a bitterly cold day has vanished entirely, and there is no emotional chill in the drama, either.

Still, Card Game, the other work given at the weekend, has been pulled together since I reported on it from Birmingham, thanks partly to a stronger cast. David Yow reveals an unexpected gift for comedy as the Joker, especially in his disguise as the Queen of Spades, where Cranko's choreography, with its allusions to the Rose Adagio, parallels Stravinsky's Rossini jokes in the score.

Yow found many neat little touches here, flounces and fusses with his hands to point up the jokes, and the fun was reinforced by Marion Tait's zippy, robust Two of Diamonds. A salute also to the Royal Ballet Sinfonia, who under Philip Ellis tackled Mozart and the two Stravinsky scores with stylistic differentiation but equal relish.

JOHN PERCIVAL

CONCERT

Austrian extravaganza

Vienna PO/Abbado

Musikverein, Vienna and with his presence at a state reception afterwards.

Amid all this, one could be forgiven for nearly forgetting that some serious music-making also happened. Dur-ing the ceremony, Claudio Abbado conducted Wagner's overture for *Die* Meistersinger, Beethoven's Leonora Overture No 3 and the fanfare composed for the orchestra by Richard Strauss, one of its former conductors. These pieces broke up the stream of speeches quite nicely, and the Wagner was actually fairly impressive in its sustained dramatic energy and euphonous blend.

But the main event was Sunday

morning's partial reconstruction of the orchestra's first concert, on March 28, 1842. Then, as now, it was a programme inevitably dominated by Beethoven. First came another outing for Leonora No 3 which, with this orchestra's obsession with mak-ing a smooth homogeneous sound, came across as polished but rather insipid. Moreover, the Musikverein's lush acoustic tended to make the lower strings sound indistinct. We had to wait for the arrival of Cheryl Studer for any real dramatic sensibility to impinge on this cosy event. In "Ah, perfido!" she sang radiantly, while Abbado ensured a vivid, alert response from his players, who are quite accustomed, of course, to the demands of the opera pit. Studer was equally good, and rightly a touch

lighter, in Mozart's concert aria "Non più, tutto ascoltai". where she was partnered by the sweet sounding, smooth violin solo of Gerhart Hetzel.

The major challenge came, how-ever, with Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. There was much to commend in this reading, though it did not get off to a good start; for once the ensemble was less than perfect. But there was a pleasing momentum in the second movement, where the cellos countermelody carried with it a particularly poignant sweetness. Yet even given the focused tone of the Viennese woodwind and the doubling of numbers in this department for the tutti, they lacked adequate penetration in this most colourful of scores. Consequently, the Dionysian energy of the finale seemed a touch polite, and Abbado missed the tension which the tightly wound harmonic springs of this movement should by

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ARTS BRIEF

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LET us not to the marriage of true minds admit impedi-

ments. Nevertheless, the latest conjunction of talents offered

as a gimmick by the ever ingenious record business

seems bizarre. Over the next

two years, Sorry Classical will be re-issuing 100 recordings conducted by Leonard Bern-stein, made for the old Colum-

bia label in the Sixties and Seventies. Each of these CDs

will be graced with a cover displaying a watercolour by the Prince of Wales. This tactic

allows Sony Classical to entitle

the collection "The Royal Edi-

tion". "With this special artis-

tic touch," says the record company, we mean to pay Leonard Bernstein the respect

he deserved." But some music

lovers might wonder what

possible connection there is

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Last chance . . .

Victory snatched from defeat

GALLERIES: LONDON

Richard Cork looks at the first ten years of the "poor relation" of the Barbican Centre, its Art Gallery

ust over a decade ago, i donned a hard hat and joined a group tour of the nearly completed Barbican Centre. Although the concrete structure was still in a raw state, the spaciousness of the arenas reserved for plays and concerts was resoundingly apparent. But the art gallery was a different matter. Relegated like an afterthought to the top of the building, the main floor was unaccountably surrounded by large plateglass windows. With considerable pride, our guide commented on the amount of light they admitted to the gallery. But when I asked him where on earth the pictures would hang, he looked puzzled and failed to supply a coherent answer.

The memory of that visit lingers in my mind as a sobering symbol of British cultural priorities. While generous provision is automatically granted to music and theatre, visual art often finds itself treated with humiliating inadequacy. Nowhere more glaringly than in the tackedon character of the Barbican Art Gallery, which was never intended to stage events on the scale of the Royal Shakespeare Company or the London Symphony Orchestra downstairs.

Why did the Barbican's founders view the gallery's role in such a limiting way? John Hoole, who started as director exactly ten years ago, thinks that the proposed rebuilding of the blitzed Guildhall Gallery may have discouraged ambitious planning for art at the Barbican.

"The founders envisaged that it would be essentially an art-society venue." Hoole says. "The smaller space upstairs was intended to house boughtin shows, while the floor below would be an ambulatory space with a dozen entrances and exits. The idea was to provide it with sculpture and plants. but nobody had properly considered how it would function or what kind of shows might be staged there."

One of Hoole's first tasks was to block out the onceprized windows with wood and plasterboard dadding. The gallery now had walls where paintings could be displayed, but in terms of its under-funded.

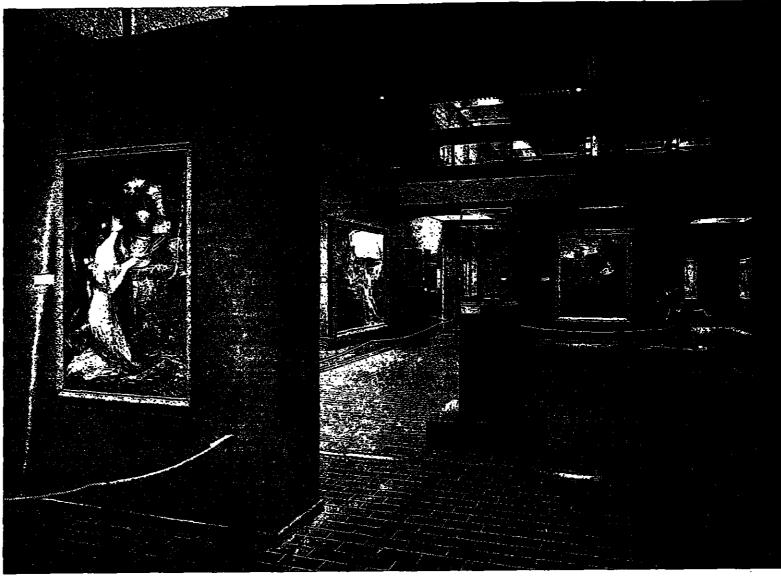
"When I came, there were calls Hoole, who had previously been deputy director of the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford. "And the first year's shows were done on a budget of £4,000. All we could afford for catalogues were fold-out leaflets in black and white, with a cheap and cheerful check-list alongside a brief description of the exhibits."

During that problematic year, though, Hoole managed to define a realistic policy for the gallery. The final event of devoted to Rodin and Asger Jorn — the latter a major retrospective which came to London from the Guggenheim Museum in New York "That combination of late 19th and early 20th century exhibitions," he says, "seemed to me an expression of how we might proceed."
Only in 1985, however, did

Hoole's approach pay really spectacular dividends. He staged a comprehensive retrospective of James Tissot a previously neglected Victorian whose achievement was ripe for revaluation. "Even though we had to charge a full-whack entry fee, attendances soared. It really got the visitors going. and we were able to show our peers that exhibitions could be funded through income from the gate."

From then on, financial support for the gallery grew dramatically. The City fathers. who had been very cautious because of capital debts incurred by the building of the centre, recognised that substantial exhibitions could be mounted. Hoole works in close co-operation with Melvyn Barnes, the City's director of libraries, art galleries and records, and acknowledges that "without his support, it wouldn't have been possible to do what the gallery has done." The staff has risen from two to more than 30, and the annual exhibition budget grew to

more than £250,000. The burgeoning resources enabled Hoole to put on an impressive sequence of wellresearched, stimulating and



An example of a well-researched, stimulating and timely exhibition: The Barbican Gallery during 1989's "The Last Romantics"

timely exhibitions. The Gwen John retrospective was a landmark in the reassessment of a grossly under-estimated painter, and the Edwardian era survey opened up another neglected period for comprehensive exploration. So did "The Last Romantics" a year later, and the subsequent survey of Hungarian art's "golden age" introduced a British audience to the full range of art, architecture and design in a then unfamiliar country.

enefiting from the cultural opening-up engendered by glas-nost. Hoole also mounted shows investigating unfamiliar aspects of Russian and Polish art. At the same time, he initiated a distinguished series of photographer's retrospectives, commencing with Cecil Beaton

and then moving on to W. Eugene Smith, Karsh and Henry Peach Robinson.

These photographic shows are now an established feature the gallery's programme. exemplifying Hoole's insistence on looking for "shows that nobody else was interested in staging. I had to find a position which didn't directly compete with the Royal Academy or the Hayward, both backed by bigger resources. No other large venue was doing big, regular photo-graphic shows, and I tried as well to look at artists from an angle that wouldn't cost mega-

Hence the recent Stanley Spencer show, which concentrated very effectively on the extraordinary series of visionary and erotic paintings he associated with his Church House project. Hence, too, the

current fascinating survey of Van Gogh in England, fo-B man and a woman are loitering. They could not be more naked if they lived. cused on the artist's early career but filled with the germs that nourished his later paintings. Taken in conjuncin Eden. A svelte teenage girl leaps over a pole and jack-knifes lithely into the water. tion with the bizarre and hallucinatory William Eggle-She is also naked. A male ston retrospective upstairs, one of the Barbican's most poweradolescent voice off-camera shouts an obscenity. It is not known whether he, too, is ful photographic surveys, the Van Gogh show proves that Hoole's programming has naked. Free-dangling anatomy and bad, minimal dianever been better.

For the future, his line-up includes an exhibition of John Heartfield's searing anti-fascist montages, a retrospective of Eric Gill's sculpture and, next year, a massive overview of the Sixties. Despite the continuing difficulties imposed by an awkward building, and a recession-hit dip in attendances, the prospects for the Barbican Art Gallery look

eat my video-programming bar code chart. The incredulous checked their calendars in vain: tomorrow is April Fool's Day, yet Summerkill at 70, a Cutting Edge documentary for Channel 4, was screened yesterday. it was about a 70-year-old mixed boarding school in Suffolk, where there is no moral restraint, no bedtime, and apparently no call for swimming costumes. Soft-core had nothing to do with it, unless one diagnosed that that

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manuelle Takes a Dip with

the Ultravixens, the viewer will

have been thinking, then I'll

y a swimming pool, a

who founded this novel educational establishment. His widow, propped up on a walking stick, was still there, and despite her seniority was

is what was to be found inside

the head of A.S. Neill, the man

TELEVISION

Lessons for the parents

not above spitting out the odd expletive, though she could not compete with the pupils. They made Scarface sound like Dr Doolittle. A random transcription from the soundtrack would have to include a lot of asterisks.

In this election's heated argument about educational policy, all sides would agree on one fundamental tenet: schoolchildren are obliged to show up for lessons. Who would they vote for at Summerhill? On the evidence of a term-and-a-half of filming, the only lessons anyone voluntarily attends involve either sex talk or explosive chemical reactions.

But in this hotbed of delinquency a vocabulary of debate thrives. Such regulations as do exist the kids decree themselves, in weekly mini-parliaments where they argue over

Court, and the eight parts already restored have been lent to the Academy (071-439 7438) to form the climax of this powerful show. It continues until Sunday.

tribunals, ombudsmen and

investigation committees with

a reverence for law and order

not evident at any other time of the week. All the forum

seemed to teach them was how to be publicly cruel to one another. How do those who pass out of Summerhill fare as real adults in the inhibited world. away from their weaponstocked playground? This documentary majored on the freak-show element — in one scene, a boy dismembers a pet rabbit with a huge scimitar, in another, two plump turkeys patrol the dormitory corridor at night (Dali lives!) - but there was woeful reluctance to analyse. Why do parents send their children here? The headmistress, if that is not too grand a word, revealed that Summerhall is a good place to

get rid of anger. So is the squash court. So what? Like the children they pointed their cameras at, directors Peter Gebels and Harrier Gordon Getzels were guilty of enjoying the freedom of the moment. They brought back extraordinary footage, but even flies on the wall sometimes have to do more than

JASPER REES

Opera: Paul Griffiths, in New York for Elektra at the Met, meets the busy conductor James Levine

Strauss represents a breather from Wagner

ast weekend in New York James Levine was relaxing after the consummation of his Ring recording, by conducting Parsifal and, a couple of days earlier, a new production of Elektra. The man is clearly insatiable. but at the same time concentrated. For more than a decade now he has focused his prodigious energies on just a few places: Vienna. Berlin, Bayreuth and the Metropolitan

Opera.
"What interests me is the profoundly growing rapport you get when you work with the same singers, the same musicians, on the same pieces year after year after year. I remember Karajan saying to me that with the Ring it takes ten years to get the generalities in place; then you can work on the detail And I think that's

I wondered if that was why he had chosen to record the Metropolitan Ring, built up during the 1980s, rather than wait until he is conducting the next Bayreuth production, due

in 1994. "Deutsche Grammophon decided that they wanted to make a record of my work

There can be few choices

more terrible, and the

man at the centre of

Prometheus in Evin (Radio 3,

last Tuesday) made the choice that would destroy him. He

chose the soul-corroding slow

death of television, and the

ignominy that comes with it.

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nication to do far worse things

than turn home videos into an

alleged form of entertainment.

Iraj Jannatie-Ataie is a dissi-dent Iranian writer, and his

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ers everywhere who are im-

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clear, too, is that death offers

What Ataie made horribly

System: death or recantation.

where I was doing it, and this was one of the first things we talked about. But if I did it again, of course, it would be

"I think what's interesting now is that people can get to hear different recordings of a piece by the same artist, now that more archive material is becoming available. Every year when I do Parsifal here or at Bayreuth a radio record-

By lucky chance, or cunning engineering of schedules, a fair number of the Ring principals were around in New York, scattered among the Pursiful and Elektra casts, and including not least Hildegard Behrens. Levine's Brunnhilde and now his Elektra. Nothing was going to restore the old tone, flexibility and colour to her voice, but in this of all roles the blanched, staring sound, scalded and scalding, had its own frank value and truth. especially when coupled with so rushed and dynamic a stage personality. This was Elektra as war victim: never enjoying herself in however crazed a way, stripped of feeling by her experiences and thrust into

action like a starved animal.

an imposing structure. It provided all that was needed: a solid high wall with a few strips of apertures into the inner turmoil. a single entrance to the palace, a courtyard, and a sudden new way of entry from the right, beautifully lit, when Orestes arrives.

tto Schenk's direction did not seem to have done much more than put the singers in this space and let them get on with it. In general it really was enough just to wheel the characters on.

The royal couple were two singers whose careers themselves go back certainly to a heroic past: Leonie Rysanek and James King. Rysanek, after just a little time to warm to the part, was in astonishingly good form, the sound full and rich and strong, having no truck with croaking weirdness: a formidable woman. Levine placed the orchestra beautifully for her, the brass before her nightmare soliloquy seeming to provide a noisome hum from within the palace. King, disguising the decades rather less well than his partner, offered a foolish



Levine: "I want the feeling of a first performance"

the character. Bernd Weikl as Orestes came as full summer into winter and spring, with a proud bearing, a beautiful commanding tone and a sense for the shape and sound of verbal phrases: Deborah Voigt as Chrysothemis was also in passionately alive, rich voice, though she made a rather too majestic impression. She too was sumptuously accommodated and closely, characterfully followed by Levine's orchestral accompaniment. Unlike Elektra, Parsifal is

scheduled in laser disc video

Aegisthus; it is a way of seeing and compact disc versions. and Levine will be profiting from long experience in New York and at Bayreuth. Was he aware of development in his performance of a score he obviously feels close to?

"There are two things. One is that there are more specifics in the expression. And also the long paragraphs, without losing unity and flow, are broken up into smaller units. It's a question of the right atmosphere. What I always want in music is the feeling of a first performance, the feeling this is happening for the one and only time."

RADIO REVIEW

Death, glory or television

that can kill by anonymous drowning as efficiently as by the martyr-making firing squad and which in fact. We are not talking about Jeremy Beadle here (although its anybody's guess what his kind of television does to the psyche) but the way dictator-ships can use the world's most doesn't need to kill at all in order to destroy. The writer's interrogator tells him: "We could give you lots of medals. and a bank account with dozens of zeros on the balance sheet. Articles in books could appear under your name praising us, and we could go on television and give you an award for your services to The System." Death by dishonour, with television as the lethal

> To avoid further punishment, our hero — if that is what he was - chose to appear

little glory in a well-run system on television and deny the work of a lifetime, only to renege on his recantation when the shame became too great, and shoot his interrogator in a crowded restaurant. His reward might have been in heaven, but his wife's arrithe secret policeman who beat her and her unborn child to we assume -- death.

There was no escape from the bleak hopelessness of it all and Ataie's moral was that Evin is not just a prison in Tehran, it is "the gigantic bloated corpse of violated yesterdays on the wounded shoulders of today". The prose might be a touch purple for most tastes, perhaps, but he

almost certainly has a point One thing to be said for television is that it has, at least, made recantation a bit easier. If the four Norman knights who murdered Thomas a Becket had been able to appear on Kilroy, they might not have needed to look for death on the Crusades - the fate decreed for them by Rome when they craved forgiveness. Peter Roberts's immensely eniovable Monday Play. Assassins, on Radio 4 last night. started with Becket's death and followed the misfortunes of his killers thereafter. Outlawed by the King who put them up to it. one fled to Scotland and the others

turned to the Church they had

offended, not so much out of religious guilt, but a sense that it was the politically smart thing to do.

This is presumably where fact ended and — give or take a few details — fiction began. But what an epic fiction it was as the story galloped across Europe to the sea ports of Italy and on into Palestine, with great battles, sea chases, piracy and life at the court of the leper king of Jerusalem all neatly tucked into the 90 minutes. I couldn't help wondering whether the director, Nigel Bryant, was in any way related to that late great chronicler of historic glory, Arthur Bryant, because old Arthur (not to mention G.A. Hentyl would certainly have been proud of this, and were he still around. David Lean would have made a lovely movie out of it.

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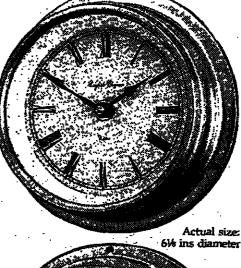
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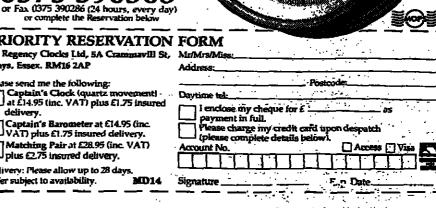
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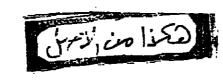
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Sisters do it for themselves



The only way is up: on both sides of the Atlantic, black women are overcoming the effects of "double discrimination" - and leaving their male contemporaries behind

hen Mike Tyson's sixyear prison sentence for raping a young beauty contestant was announced last week, many black women did not know whether to rejoice or protest.

Ever since the boxer was charged, two heavyweight and politically correct arguments have been battling it out among black women. In one corner is the 'sisterhood" argument a woman was raped and the courts should away the key.

In the opposite corner is the view that a black man has been used as a scapegoat because America could not afford another high-profile acquittal after the William Kennedy-Smith verdict. Pro-Tyson campaigners say that if a white man had been accused of rape in similar circumstances (if he had been visited by the victim in the small hours) he would never have been

The debate left black women on both sides of the Atlantic siding with white feminists rather than with their brothers. And for many it added another few inches to the ever-widening chasm between the agendas of black women and men. In Britain the success of women of African or Caribbean origin in education, employment and the economy is the subject of the most

intense debate in black sexual

politics. Although black women are

vulnerable to double discrimina-

tion, it has not followed that they

are any worse off than black men. The black battle of the sexes is almost the reverse of the white one. While white feminists bemoan a system which favours white men. many black men feel they have cause for complaint when they look at the relative success of their mothers and sisters. The conventional stereotype of the subservient black woman rarely able to find more than menial work has been wiped out. In many fields black women have put black men - and,

to shame.

An employment department labour force survey in 1990 found that while 16 per cent of Afro-Caribbean women obtain a degree or equivalent qualification, the figure only I per cent for black men. The proportion of black women with degrees is also higher than that of white men and women. The same survey showed that, of working black women in Britain, an estimated 31 per cent are in managerial or professional positions, compared with only 17 per cent of black men (and 27 per cent

of white women).

Traditionally, Caribbean parents teach their children that education is the key to success. Particularly in the face of prejudice, black youngsters are told they need to be armed with certificates to combat the negative stereotypes. But it seems that girls are more likely to take up the challenge. In a recent survey commissioned by The Voice newspaper, nearly one in ten 16 to 30Tension between black men and women

are now

coming off best. Leslev Thomas reports

year-old black males questioned said they did not see the point of education, compared with only I per cent of females.

fies the determined black woman of

ness. Five years ago
— soon after she left her husband, taking her two daughters with her - Ms Alexander-Moore decided to market one of her homemade recipes. She now sells

Gramma's Hot Pepper Sauce to Harrod's and Fortnum & Mason. as well as to major

given the highly regarded Women Mean Business award, and has

new career working from the small kitchen of her council flat. "I knew

is increasing — and the women are

"I think we have a capacity for

cope on low bud-

gets and to make do

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think those kinds of

values have helped

me to battle on in

these first few years

Lee Jasoer of the

National Black

Caucus pressure

group explains that

shown the persever-

ance of black women. "Black

black men have not

in business."

women seem to have a greater

degree of commitment to reaching

their goals," he says. "The problem

with a lot of black men is that they

look for the 'quick fix' to success.

Unfortunately often the fastest ways

to make money involve a high risk

of failure or even crime.

nothing about running a small business when I started. I learnt by trial and error, but I always looked upon each so-called failure as a

Duonne Alexander-Moore typithe 1990s. The Trinidad-born 43-Black Cinderella, her own story of no matter how long it takes. Many building a successful small busi- black women have had to learn to

> Black women economically in advance

and a lot of men resent it' chain stores. She was the first black woman to be

been shortlisted for next month's National Food Processing award. "It has been a hard slog," says Ms Alexander-Moore, who spent the first two-and-a-half years of her you want something. They are now economically in advance and a lot of the men resent it."

Another theory is that it is easier for black women to get ahead in a society that is run by white males. White men, it is argued, are threatened by the black man - a fear which, ironically, is based on white-invented stereotypes of the lesson which could help me to dangerous black male. But black women are seen as being even less

> Ms Alexander-Moore agrees that low expectations of her have worked in her favour. "There is a lot of pressure on men to succeed quickly, while I had the time and space to achieve my goals slowly

> of a threat than white women, so

and surely. "Men, on the other hand, are not able to be seen to fail. I think in a way the pressures have paralysed a lot of men. They don't see the point in trying when there are so many ways they can fall down."

lack boys are rarely confronted with positive role models. The most public male "success" stories (boxers, footballers and comedians) are seldom ones that black parents want their children to emulate.

"For many young boys, the nearest they see to decent role models are black men in flash cars," Mr Jasper says. "They're not exactly an inspiration to them to go

know that you have to work hard if argument is that black women are

the amazonian superwomen that the 1980s were supposed to have produced. But this - like the championing of black sportsmen and entertainers — is yet another stereotype. The idea of the black woman as a natural tough cookie devalues individual efforts, explaining them away in terms of genetics.

Few men - black or white - are comfortable with the idea of a partner who has a larger salary and a more successful career. And, with black men to go round (exacerbated by the fact that black women in Britain marginally outnumber black men) many black women have had to go it alone.

Others have settled with white partners which, for many black men, is the ultimate self-out. "Pollywannacracker", the song by the rap group Public Enemy (cracker meaning caucasian), is an account of the community's bitter dismissal of the growing numbers of black women who claim they cannot find black men to match

Black men, Mr Jasper says, should not be allowed to make any more excuses: "I reject the idea that successful black women have sold out. Of course men are under a lot of pressure and we have to fight against racism, but the same is true for women. The sooner black men stop blaming people and follow the sisters' example, the better."

• Lesley Thomas is the political

Heroes on the quiet

Most Britons still prefer private lives

This is the age of hype, when every Brownie pack studies how to lure the local press to its fate. Fifteen minutes of fame is every citizen's right. Everyone wants to be in the papers. Don't

Well, actually no. Political manipulators came a cropper last week over the War of Jennifer's Ear. largely because - themselves living on publicity - they failed to realise that a huge, silent, respectable majority of the nation does not want its name in the newspapers. Not at all. Not even in a context of utter blameiessness. They have ticked the box marked "No Publici-

ty" for life. Not only was the family at the heart of the storm premy furnous at being named, but when the Labour party hastily whacked out a list of ten other parallel cases, reporters who phoned them met a high proportion of indignant stonewalling. "No - I don't want to be named." Click! And Labour looked even crasser than before.

The legend about everyone wanting their name in the press must be nailed. At least in the national press: the blander local papers find their readers generally willing to be identified as Mrs C. J. Plug, winner of the Best Decorated Chair competition at the Women's Institute. Yet even they are cautious: a local reporter says that often, of late, the subjects of her anodyne reports have said, "My name won't get into

those real newspapers, will it?"
For, incredible though it may seem to gossip columnists and the entourage of Dannii Minogue, a strong folklore in Britain holds that being in the papers is bad luck. Embarrassing. A kind of hijack of their privacy. Not only the reclusive aristocracy feels this way: recently an office cleaner was mortified when the papers picked up the story of her rescue of a man in a lift. And according to victim support agencies, bereaved parents can be sent into a rage by a small error in the paper - for instance that their child was on his way to Cubs, when he was really going swimming.

But even people not in crisis still display modest loathings. A long. sensible, frank interview about a completely creditable aspect of someone's life is often followed by an agonised. "Oh. but you won't put my name, will you?" and a haggling session, at the end of which you agree to call them Andy and Sue, and to pretend they live in

"We wouldn't want letters" is another frequent explanation, even when you have only been asking about their triumph in installing a DIY swimming pool. One can ture of keen old ladies who write demanding money for their pet cause to anyone whose appearance in the papers suggests they might have a few bob; not to mention the green-ink brigade.

Some of the reluctance is odder. and deeper than mere practicalities. It is more like the primitive tribesman's dread of having his soul stolen by the camera. An Englishman's castle is very private indeed. It takes a conscious, careful decision to open it up: as much for ordinary people as for the star who sells his hearth to Hello!

Even if you are proud of your story, the invasion of privacy involved in being photographed in your front room, or letting your offspring be named a Child of Courage is considerable. Sensitive journalists respect this. They also, alas, often end up calling people Andy and Sue.

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to university or get training." One supposedly complimentary "Black women seem to have a more realistic view than men. They editor of The Voice. I played drink-drivers' lottery

ne night last November - 1.30am, November 26 to be precise I was arrested for drinkdriving at Franford, near Hounslow in west London. The legal proceedings which followed, and which have only just ended, have given me an alarming insight into the unpredictability and inconsistency which surrounds the punishing of drink-drivers.

It was my first offence of any kind and there were no aggravating circumstances. That is to say the car was not crashed. nobody was hurt and I was not driving dangerously. The police simply pulled me over having noticed I was not wearing a safety belt and had a damaged rear light.

To my horror, however, i produced a reading back at the station which showed I was three-and-a-half times over the legal limit. My mitigating circumstances were hardly exceptional and could not excuse my actions: I had sought solace in vodka at a theatre bar following an argu-ment with a girlfriend who

had stormed home alone. "You haven't exactly picked the best time of the year to go drink-driving, have you sir?" said one of the policemen at

my case would be coming up shortly before Christmas. Having resigned from my job (my ability to do it properly depended upon being able to drive), my first dilemma was whether or not I should hire a

"It would be best not to." advised a solicitor-friend. "If they were considering a custodial sentence and you were unrepresented, they would adjourn the case so you could get legal representation. But they will almost certainly want to get the matter out of the way quickly.

"Just point out you've been driving for ten years and have clean licence, explain the circumstances and apologise profusely. You'll be fine." So I arrived at Uxbridge

court on Friday, December 13, with something approaching confidence. Perhaps the date should have warned me. An usher told me that a duty solicitor wanted to speak to me. Having already deter-mined my course of action. however, I decided that speaking to a solicitor was pointless. After waiting one hour during which time my case

could easily have been called

- I decided that what the

Jeremy Lamb

tells how a vodka binge led him into a legal game of chance — with a jail sentence

for the losers

solicitor had to say might just be helpful. "Ah. Mr Lamb," he began.

"Are you pleading guilty?"
"Yes." "Were you much over the limit?" "Three and a half times." "Strewth." he exclaimed. "You realise you'll be going to prison, don't you? A stipendiary magistrate is on duty this morning. He's sending all drink-drivers down. I've just had a client given two months inside and his reading

was lower than yours." A glance through the courtroom doorway was enough to tell me the stipendiary looked terrifying as he

"So what do I do?" I asked. I was advised to plead not guilty, thus getting an ad-



Jeremy Lamb: feared jail

journment until after Christmas. A date would be arranged when, perhaps, the stipendiary would not be sitting. Then I would change my plea back to guilty and be represented, on the second occasion, by the solicitor himself or one of his partners.

Having followed his advice ! left the court feeling like the artful dodger. I also felt guilty about the young man whose reading had been lower than mine but who was now spending Christmas in prison.

The Christmas period provided some disturbing news. On December 28, a woman was given a five-day prison sentence, disqualified from driving for 15 months and magistrates' court for driving while less than twice over the alcohol limit. It was her first offence and there were no aggravating circumstances.

Better news arrived when Judge Gerald Butler overruled this sentence on January 24 at Southwark Crown Court. He upheld the fine and the driving ban but quashed the prison sentence. Pamela London, the sen-

tencing magistrate at Horseferry Road, had said: "I have a duty to the public, especially at this time of year." But Judge Butler declared: "I know of no principle that suggests that because an offence is committed at a particular time of year it is either more or less serious. Drink-driving is as serious in June as it is in December." Would the magistrates at

Uxbridge take note of this? I pleaded guilty at the court in February and was dismayed when my case was adjourned for a further four weeks so that a social enquiry report could be made on me. It

cursor to a prison sentence. Judgment Day was Friday, March 13. Another Friday the 13th — but it was either that or

looked ominous, since a social

enquiry report is often a pre-

following Monday so I decided I was not superstitious. I made the right decision:

the sentence was a 12-month driving ban, the minimum the court could impose, and a £300 fine plus £40 costs. After my fears of prison, it seemed scarcely believable.

Now my point is not that the sentence was wrong. My offence had already cost me a good job, and no doubt the bench bore that in mind. Moreover, I have genuine remorse about the incident and have vowed that once my licence is returned I will never drive again with so much as a shandy inside me.

To be caught drink-driving is to enter oneself in a lottery. Legal guidelines for this offence seem non-existent at worst; inconsistent at best. I never had any idea whether a fine, community service or prison awaited me - and none of my legal advisers had much idea either. And I only avoided Christmas in prison because I was not called into court on December 13 in the hour's wait before speaking to a solicitor. I hope magistrates bear Judge Builer's words in

mind next Christmas,

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Juggling requests for help: a young passer-by gets in on the act during last year's Christmas appeal by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in London

No want of good causes

hen seven-year-old Matthew Richmond went on Greenpeace's sponsored walk to save the whales last summer, he surpassed all expectations. His success in completing the full ten miles of the course was, however, something of an embarrassment to his mother Robin Rubenstein.

"I'd gone round friends and neighbours saying, 'It'll be a couple of miles at most', but he has a healthy sense of money and I think that spurred him on. He thought he was saving the planet single-footedly. It's certainly further than he's ever walked before. He's always saying, 'I can't go another step'. He will never be able to say that again."

Even Matthew's five-year-old brother, Michael, managed half the route around Trent country park in north London. They went with two friends and jollied each other along. They came back very dirty, very wobbly-legged and very proud. I did tell their sponsors not to feel obligated, but people were generous. They raised about £100. I think our street

must own a whale by now." No one knows exactly how much of the £18 billion income a year of UK charities is raised by children but to many parents, faced with seemingly endless requests to spons-or this or that, it sometimes feels like nearty all of it.

The demand is such that organisations such as the National Confederation of Parent/Teacher Associations (NCPTA) are increasingly concerned about the pressure it puts on families. Margaret Morrissey, the group's spokeswoman, says. "It comes up a lot at meetings. People want to give their support — they don't want to seem mean — but they feel it is getting a bit out of hand, As pressures increase on parents to sponsor their offspring's efforts ey. says Stephen Lee, it also helps publicise the cause. "Fund-raising is to save the world, Liz Gill calculates the cost of charity at home

especially when perhaps it is some-thing the government should be paying for, anyway. "We are in a recession and, if you

have two or three children, with the best will in the world you cannot always afford it. It can also cause terrible upsets if one family can afford it and another cannot.

"If charities are not careful, they are going to put parents off. Perhaps these organisations ought to think seriously before they plan these events or allow them in their name. It is getting to the point where it

might be counter-productive."

Many parents end up putting the cash in themselves, rather than constantly asking the same friends, relatives and neighbours, as Margaret McGowan of the National Children's Play and Recreation Unit did what has been been to the part of descriptor. when Eve, her 14 year-old daughter, did a seven-mile walk round Richmond Park for Friends of the Earth

"She got so few sponsors I ended up forking out the bulk of the £50 she raised. You do seem to get a never-ending stream of requests. I don't like asking people because

there's no way they can say no.
"Of course I'm really pleased she cares about the world, but I don't want her to feel she has to solve its problems single-handedly. Children take things terribly seriously and terribly personally. They think it's up to them to save the planet or the Third World."

Many parents and would-be sponsors are uneasy about the nature of some events. Although the NCPTA has lent its support to St Thomas Hospital's neonatal unit 'Potty' ap-

where children seek sponsorship for "silly events". Mrs Morrissey prefers an event which is directly beneficial to someone. "Of course, some things can be just for fun, though you occasionally feel the effort that goes into something silly might have been better used."

Robin Rubenstein, a classical pianist, generally regards fund-rais-ing as a "good deed in a naughty world. Something like a walk stretches children, and makes them

'I ended up forking out the bulk of the £50 she raised'

think, but other events are often very silly, such as sponsored silences." Mrs McGowan is particularly unhappy about sponsored fasts, often undertaken by adolescent girls already self-conscious about eating.
"I think they also trivialise the real problem. It's offensive to those who are really starving to suggest you are putting yourself in their place by going without food for a day." Both Mike Talbot's teenage

daughters, Katharine 13, and Jennifer, 15, took part in a 24-hour sponsored fast last Saturday to raise money for World Vision, a Christian charify working in developing coun-tries. "The idea was to go without food, though they were allowed to

about developing relationships with donors over a period of time, and this is only sustained if people are aware of the aims of an organisation drink," says Mr Talbot, a civil engineer from Sevenoaks in Kent.

"Of course, you can never fully identify with the difficulties people have in the Third World, but fasting and want to be part of it

Encouraging such involvement was part of the motivation for Oxfam's Leap Day last month, aimed particularly at the young, is quite a good symbol and may feel like a more direct link than, say, a who were asked to raise cash by sponsored walk. And if you are doing sponsored leapfrogs. Louise going to do something for a Christian charity during Lent, this might Lobo, one of the organisers, says: "We need younger supporters, and if they come for the fun they might be a more appropriate way than find out more about us at the "They will have raised around £30 same time.

"If they have done something once for Oxfam, the next time they hear of us they will be more interested Oxfam still raises most of its

money through direct appeals, but phen Lee, director of the Institute of Charity Fund Raisers and a trustee one of the risks of sponsorship must be that the event itself increasingly overshadows the reason for doing it. Thus the trend now is for the sponsor to reward the effort and ingenuity of the sponsored, rather than the merit of the cause.

Margaret Morrissey is also worried that sponsorship is being attached to more and more areas of life. "As a society, we have always had this sense of commitment, of helping our neighbours. It would be which raised £17.2 million this year a shame if we stopped doing things for their own sake, without always

bringing money into it."
For parents beleaguered by ever growing demands, she suggests setting aside a finite amount of money at the beginning of the year. "You talk to your children and tell them that is what's available, and how they use it is up to them. That way you don't cause a family trauma every time there's a new request." Times Newspapers Ltd 1992

icing over the guilt

Theme cakes are just another brick in the wall for the busy parent

perfect summer afternoon. The garden beckoned and the sun was shining through the kitchen window, illuminating two objects on the table. A plain cake and next to it an open book with an illustration of a marvellous confection, a veritable model of my son's favourite nursery rhyme character. I had two hours to make one into the other.

It looked so easy. I had already bought a chocolate egg which would soon take on the appearance of Humpty Dumpty. That was no prob lem. But I had reckoned

without the Wall.
Within seconds, a huge bag
of icing sugar had as if by magic been reduced to the smallest quantity of redtinted (wall-coloured) paste at the bottom of a bowl. This characteristic of icing sugar, always to give a poor return on itself, has never ceased to fascinate me, as one who is not a willing cake-baker. A mere quarter of the wall was

covered.

The only shop was closed for half-day. Soon the guests would be arriving with their presents and their expectant faces. Luckily the day was saved by a telephone call to a friend nearby who provided enough sugar to build a passable Wall.

The moral of this tale of domestic trivia is not only that things should never be left until the last minute but that children's birthday cakes have definitely got out of hand.

As parents, we too have a right to enjoy our children's parties. The fashion for elaborate cakes denies this pleasure. It can be anything you like: a crinoline lady, a train, a 3-D model of a television cartoon character. As long as it does not look like a cake.

These structures have a stage life of about two minutes. Hidden away during the tea, they are borne in as a pièce de résistance to cries of delight and admiration, or silent curses from parents. The candles are blown out and the cake disappears to be cut up, given out and taken home. As often as not, it will end up in the bin as the fact is that children do not like cake

The surprise element is sadly lacking in our house. Having made a cake I insist view in recognition of the

time spent on it.
Tales of failure abound. A friend whose space rocket collapsed the night before the party had to lie awake planning an entirely new idea for the next day, salvaging what was left. She once sent to table a teddy bear cake held together by providence and a kebab

Even the most simple ideas turn out to be difficult. The musical notes for "Happy Birthday To You" in black on white seemed apt for a daughter who had just started to learn the piano. At least it was flat: 3-D cakes are much harder. Fortunately there was a bass def and not a treble on the version we were copying. Nevertheless 1 had to explain what the finished cake was meant to be.

There are parents who spend whole evenings constructing these edifices, in fact two evenings, since the cake has to be made the night before the decoration can take place. This amounts to what is, in essence, the inside of a week. The novelist Flora Thompson wrote that to spend this length of time on



case a jelly, was considered by some women to be absurd. She was referring to the 1880s. We lead busy lives; we need easy cakes.

As long as there are candles, children will not mind. Since a bash for a dozen infants can leave two adults comatose all evening, we owe it to ourselves to remove this scourge of modern partygiving. The delight on your child's face will not evaporate if a traditional cake appears.

So buy a frill, some sugar roses; a silver ballerina or a figure of a Disney hero. And, most important, some silver balls. These are immensely popular, more so than something which took all evening to make. Outlaw tyrannical cakes in your area. Or, if you're really busy, buy one.

the fact that, assuming each child stops having parties at ten, I have held the 16th party of a parental career and have only 11 to go. And from now on, traditional cakes will be on the menu.

ELIZABETH PARHAM C Times Newspapers Ltd 1992

Forget the fuss and the tears. Three families reveal their secrets for getting the children happily to school Surviving

the early rush hour

etting the children to school on time is the cause of many a parental ulcer. After staggering to the bathroom, you must then prise children from warm beds, dress them, feed them, clean teeth, find missing shoes, sponge down the sports kit still dirty from last week, tack on missing name tapes and scan the morning's spelling test. All this, plus preventing sibling spats and

tell

keeping calm yourself.
One solution, discovered by Elizabeth Martin, a mother of three from Buckinghamshire, is to sleep through the psychological and physical warfare being waged in the kitchen below. There is a price to pay: Mrs Martin does much of the work the night before, sometimes staying up until 2am. "I've always been a night person," she says cheer-fully, "and prefer to get school uniforms ready and do the housework then. We used to have a girl who'd get the children ready for school but she was hopeless, mainly because she'd been out all night with her boyfriend so was in no fit state herself."

Now the children are aged

12, 10 and five, Mr Martin — a college lecturer — has taken over the morning job before leaving for his own at 8am. His wife dozes until 8.30am, before waking to an empty house and breakfast debris.

Mr Martin is surprisingly defensive about their system. "People around here think we're crazy and assume Elizabeth is lazy. But she works very hard tidying up this huge house. And if she prefers to do so late at night, why not?" Perhaps we should all try it. The Martins work thus: mid-

night or later: Mrs Martin lays the breakfast table and puts out clean school uniforms. About 7am: her husband wakes up Lisa, Duncan and Maud. The eldest helps the younger dress. 7.20am: Mr Martin has egg and bacon on table. 7.55am: Duncan is picked up for the school run, Mr Martin drops off Maud for hers, then takes Lisa to station. "It all works and we don't normally have any panics," he says.

In the Stokes household in Carshalton, Surrey, where nine-year-old triplets (Victoria, Georgina and Rebecca) plus Lizzie, 12. and Mary, 13.



doing something silly.

between them. I am proud of them for having the self-discipline, and

pleased that they were able to do something to help others."

Sponsorship is not new, as Ste-

of Thames Telethon, points out.

The knights were sponsored by the

kings to fight the Crusades, the

cathedrals of the middle ages were sponsored by individuals.

silly and so benefit one or a number

of causes, I can't see the problem."

Nor can Alex Howe, spokesman for the BBC's Children in Need

from more than 35,000 events,

among them sit-ins in baths of

custard, beans and raw eggs. "People do astonishing things, their

enthusiasm knows no bounds," he

says. The organisers produce an A to Z of sponsorship from apple-bobbing to sleeps. "We stress events must be safe, legal and workable,

and that volunteers must keep an

accurate account of the money. But

Sponsorship not only raises mon-

we don't legislate for taste."

"And if you want to do something

all have to be out of the house by 8.30am, structure is the backbone. "They used to be down to breakfast at the same time and then upstairs to dress, but there were too many of them and everyone needed the bathroom at once," Bride Stokes, their health visitor mother says. Her husband, Peter, leaves at 7.30am without breakfast. ("He hates the rush").

Mrs Stokes gets up at 6.25am ("if the Teasmade doesn't work I'm in a mood") before waking Mary at 6.30. "Lizzie gets up immediately at 7am and has porridge, which prepare the night before. Lizzie has breakfast before the triplets, then the others come down, usually dressed. All the children are expected to put their dishes in the sink and clear the table." Although Mrs Stokes has

laid out uniforms, and pre-

of three packed lunches (two have school meals), there have been emergencies. Victoria once bumped her head and had to be rushed to hospital for stitches, while Georgina recently left her shoes in her father's car (her mother keeps a box of ourgrown footwear, just in case). Mrs Stokes also has a box of spare tights, plus secondhand uniforms in case she falls behind with the laundry.

riday (swimming day)
can be a nightmare swimming cap straps always go missing although Mrs Stokes has a drawer of spares. Musical instruments have also been rushed to school after their owners' departure (recorders for all five on Tuesday and Wednesday; flute for Victoria on Tuesday and Mary on Wednesday and Thursday; violin for Georpared the non-sandwich part gina on Wednesday, trumpet

Breakfast meeting: Bride and Peter Stokes with, from left, Georgina, Victoria, Rebecca, Lizzie and Mary for Rebecca on Wednesday). Amazingly, Mrs Stokes prefers a mental rather than a written rota for all this.

Tips for speeding up children include yanking back the bedelothes and warning the two older girls that they will not get a lift to school, a tenminutes walk away. "I stick to my threats, too. I walk the implets to school and we revise vocabulary and spelling tests en route." Mrs Stokes then dashes off

to work herself. "Today I forgot to have breakfast. I also work on Thursday nights in an old people's home, and don't return until 8am. Mary will have done all the others' hair and got them breakfast. And, no matter how awful they've been, I always kiss them goodbye.."

Many a man has been known to mutter, "I could do better", so how does a single

Denis Cooling (41, an unem-

ployed gardener from Kent and father of Mathew, 17, and Jenifer, 13) believes in keeping calm and delegating. "I wouldn't like to tell you what time we get up (well, 8am actually) but it's an organised 'quite late'. I've stopped forcing the children to eat breakfast and for the last two years, they've prepared their own packed lunches and laid out clothes the night before."

Mathew - who as a sixthformer does not wear a uniform - has only once come down in unacceptable clothing. "He had borrowed one of my lumberjack shirts which looked silly hanging out from under his leather jacket. Otherwise, we're all calm. People make too much fuss about the morning rush."

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Joan Liewelyn Owens on the exciting prospects for those who do more with their golfing talents than merely play

get a game on a "pay course but about 1.2 million of them are failing to get into golf clubs. Waiting lists, says the English Golf Union (EGU), can be 15 years. In the next ten years 1,600 more courses will be wooded in more courses will be needed in Europe as a whole and 700 in

The EGU database shows 1,700 applications to build. Many are being built already, creating a need for more professionals to teach. repair clubs and run a shop, more people to design, construct and maintain golf courses, and more people capable of managing what

are often leisure complexes.
For these needs, Merrist Wood
Agricultural College, near Guildford, Surrey, has a three-year golf studies HND with the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) and Kingston Polytechnic. Candidates must have had at least two years as an active club member. A handicap of five or better is desirable.

The two college years will include business studies, financial and personnel management, market-

any golfers are ing, computing, European studies, thwarted. They may club repair, teaching skills, golf rules, tournament administration, and a continual emphasis on playing skills. Options in the third year will allow a more detailed study of selected areas and will also include golf course design, agronomy and green-keeping. A sandwich year will be spent with a

PGA-approved employer.
The HND is the brainchild of George Shiels, the vice-principal of Merrist Wood and a consultant agronomist to the PGA European Tour, who wants to create a European centre for all golf-related The main aim of the course is to

prepare future club and tournament professionals, but some stu-dents may eventually become golf centre managers, marketing specialists, tournament officials or golf course architects. If some decide against a career in golf, their training will enable them to enter management or contracting in other industries, Mr Shiels says.
John May, the senior HND

course manager, says the golf professional's role is changing. Business has increased enormous-



Keen player. Paul Mould spends about half his time on site and travels a fair amount in the UK

ly, particularly on public golf courses. "It is a go-go type of business from 6am throughout the day," Mr May says. "Many profes-sionals are becoming virtually lei-

sure centre managers." Increased demand has provided new opportunities, too, for those

who design and construct courses. Golf course architects and designers come from various back-grounds, including architecture, landscaping, surveying, town planning and civil engineering.

Metrist Wood's HND in land-

scape contract management could

provide a good foundation. A student on this course, Bill Ellis, aged 23, has just started on his sandwich year with Howard Swan and Partners, experts in course design, irrigation, maintenance and construction. Mr Ellis says the ecological side is likely to grow.

The British Institute of Golf Course Architects has recently introduced a scheme of part-time training for people who wish to become golf architects. The twoyear scheme, grant-aided by the Royal and Ancient, consists of working weekends supervised by practising golf architects.

Constructors, as well as designers, have arrived by different routes. Many have experience in landscaping, horticulture, agronomy or civil engineering. Paul Mould, aged 24. a contracts co-ordinator for Dorsetbased Brian D. Pierson (Contractors), has an HNC in building studies and will soon become a member of the Chartered Institute of Builders.

The company has completed 160 golf course projects in 14 years. including alterations to seven Open championship courses. Mr Mould spends about half his time on site and half in the office. He travels a fair amount in the UK and has visited the Continent for meetings.

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DIRECTIONS Week '92, which is supported by The Times and The Sunday Times and runs from June 30 to July 4 at the Business Design Centre, Islington, north London, will combine two career fairs this year. The first, the London Graduate Recruitment Fair from June 30 to July 2, is organised by London University's careers advisory service. Here, new graduates can learn about job opportunities and postgraduate courses. With more than 100 exhibitors booked, a European pavilion will make an additional attraction.

The second, the Schools' Fair, on July 3 and 4, is for school-leavers going into higher education or employment and will provide career counselling covering degree choice, university and vocational training programmes.

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British flair stays in pole position

When the top drivers get into the 900 or so racing cars built each year acarry the Made in Britain tag. Motor sport engineering is one of the UK's unsung export earners, bringing in £600 million an-nually. According to the Association of Competition Car Manufacturers, the industry exports more than two-thirds of production to 80 countries across Europe, North America and the Far East.

Most people recognise, through such high-profile names as Nigel Mansell, that Britain is involved in international motor sport, but few have any inkling of the Brit-ish domination of the racing industry. Yet this extends to Formula One, rallying, sa-Jonathan Ashman, the loon car racing or Formula

More surprisingly, virtually all this industry — a web of small, technologically advanced workshops - is located within a 50-mile radius of mid-Oxfordshire and the Silverstone race track in Northamptonshire.

Reynard Racing, based at Bicester, Oxfordshire, builds some 250 racing cars a year and in 1990 won the Queen's Award for export achievement. To this motor sport capital of the UK flock giants such as Nissan, Subaru, Mercedes, Chevrolet and Mitsubishi, all of them looking for engines, chassis, suspensions and electronic engine management systems.

Even the quintessentially American Indianapolis 500

their cars, they rely for their safety and performance on the expertise of a small group of craftsmen working in Britain. Vaughan Freeman reports

is dominated by British-built machines and components. in 1984, for example, 30 of the 33 cars in the indy 500 were built by March Cars, near Heathrow airport, and the year's 14 top finishers used March chassis.

RAC's motor sport events and marketing director, says that American purchases contribute significantly to the income of the UK motor sport industry. "Virtually all the American Indy 500 racing cars use British chassis. And while the engines in those cars might have Chevrolet stamped on them, they are built by Cosworth in the UK."

Most of the big rally teams are based in Britain, and much of the technology originates here. "You have Mitsubishi in Rugby, Nissan's race team in Milton Keynes, Subaru in Banbury. The British X-Trac operation builds 75 per cent of the world championship rallying transmissions and we also lead the world with electronic engine management."

As well as the vastly successful Lola operation, Grand Prix teams such as Benetton, Williams and Brabham are also based in Oxfordshire.

One reason why this huge industry has such a low profile is that its clients cherish confidentiality, so much of its work is highly secret. The only people who need to know already know.

But without publicity, how did the industry develop such a large market share? Since it began in 1982. Reynard's turnover has risen from £250,000 to £10 million, and its staff has grown sevenfold. Rick Gorne, the managing director of Reynard, says: "I think it goes back to the early 1950s when you had Cooper, Lotus. Vanwall, people like that, who were small race-car constructors operating as cottage industries."

By setting up shop in strik-ing distance of the big Midlands car manufacturers, the specialist racing teams had an instant supply of skilled workers as well as an infrastructure of independent machining shops able to design, build and fit one-off parts at While motor sport indus-

tries abroad became increasingly centralised, the loose alliance of the British cottage industry system made it both more flexible and creative. Prodrive builds rally-win-

ning cars for Subaru and racing saloons for BMW. Managing director David Richards says: "Germany and Japan have gone into mass production while we have retained the advantages of innovation and flexibility that a small outfit can bring." While the German or Japa-

nese are good at volume production, they are less able to produce a small number of vehicles in a short time. Speed is all-important in a busines where teams have just a few weeks to implement improvements to a car between races. Bigger companies have to

concentrate on their scales of mass production," Mr Richards says. "We can fill niches for them, providing short-run products

In the time that the Germans or Japanese are in a committee meeting, he says, the British will have produced and tested several versions of a component. "The British have retained that creative facility and are not afraid of trial and error," he says.

Perhaps because of this, employees are very committed. "Working for March Cars is a dream come true for me," says Mark Sheldon, an accountant. "I am definitely



Nigel Mansell is the public face of British motor-sport expertise, one of the UK's great unsung export earners

here for the motor racing rather than for the

countancy." Such commitment and interest have stood the British industry in good stead - for

ut can it retain its pole position in motor sport technology? Reynard Racing has developed a philosophy of only entering racing arenas when it is sure of winning. Its first FF2000 car won first time out at Brands Hatch in 1983, as did its first

Formula Three at Silverstone looking ahead to developing a in 1985 and its Formula

3000 car in 1988. The company is aiming to enter Formula One, but will hold off until it is confident it has another winner on its

The advanced technologies involved in modern-day motor sport mean other areas are opening up, too. Carbonfibre composites, used in motor sport for their lightness and strength, also have applications in defence and Mr Richards says: "We are huge advertising budgets.

competitive and on budget. and this can be applied to a mainstream manufacturing concern.'

Jonathan Ashman, of the RAC, says the British lead will be maintained as corporations turn away from advertising and towards sponsorship. An American conference on sponsorship revealed dissatisfaction with

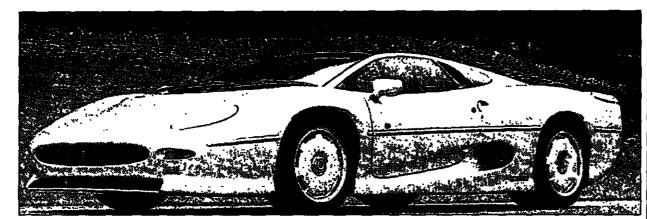
Scandinavian drivers will have to look to their laurels in the top events

Locals heed rallying call

less money they can get more mainstream engineering develonment area. We have exposure through sponsor-ship," he says. That should always applied ourselves to getting cars on track, on time, mean more sponsorship for winning motor sport cars, the majority of which come from

towards

Mr Richards says: "In the past many people have tried to challenge us at motor sport. So far there is no other nation that appears to be a big threat to us and I can't see anyone coming up in the future who could realistically challenge the British



The big cat's new cub

ext month, Jaguar will unveil its fastestever production car. at the same time as it ends its association with racing. The first examples of the

Jaguar XJ220 are soon to be completed for delivery to 350 customers able to afford the £350,000 asking price. Long, low and aerodynamically sleek, the XJ220 is the ultimate motoring machine, bred from decades of Jaguar race experience and honed by the skills of engineers who move easily in the heady world of sports car championships and Formula One.

But financial losses, compounded by uncertainty over the future of the Group C sports car championships which Jaguar has dominated for the past four years, have ended its ambitions on the track for the time being. According to industry estimates, the Group C team cost about £20 million a year to run, and even generous sponsorship was unable to counter-balance such high

When TWR, which ran the racing outfit, decided to concentrate on the Benetton Formula One team. Jaguar's decision to pull out was will, however, still have cars running in the American IMSA series this year.

The loss of the familar dark green and purple Big Cats, as they have become known around the world, will sadden enthusiasts.

Yet Jaguar's involvement with racing, although successful enough to root the name deep in racing history, has been surprisingly sporadic over the years.

Sir William Lyons developed the company principally as a manufacturer of saloon cars, but soon realised there was fame to be won on the track. Although the saloon bore little relation to the sports car, he knew that famous racing names attract-

ed custom. The first victory on the race track for Jaguar came in 1951 at Le Mans, the French track which has provided racing with some of its most exotic characters and cars. and was followed by five more victories with C and D-type Jaguars by the end of the

In the 1960s, unfavourable

As Jaguar pulls out of racing, where spectacular success proved too costly, it unveils a dream machine

economic conditions and the growth of Formula One forced Jaguar to take a back seat. Then, in the early 1980s, Tom Walkinshaw of TWR convinced Sir John Egan, then Jaguar's chairman, that success on the track would revive the company's stale image.

After a debt-ridden start to the 1980s, when it almost went out of business. Jaguar had been privatised and started to make big profits. What it needed to complete its revival was a high-profile

This was elusive at first. but, in 1987, the efforts of TWR and Jaguar were rewarded with a world championship in the Group C sports car class, previously dominated by Porsche.

A year later, the company had its first win in the Le Mans 24-hour race since the 1950s. In four years, there were three world championships and two Le Mans victories. Last year's running of the world's most famous endurance race saw Jaguars in second, third and fourth places. This was despite competition from mighty Mercedes, Porsche, Nissan,

Mazda and Peugeot. Meanwhile, engineers and designers at Jaguar were working to produce a car which would capture the imagination and raise the company's whole profile.

The XJ220 was to be the fastest and most expensive car in existence. First announced in 1988, it stole the headlines at the British Motor Show. But since those optimistic days when profits topped £120 million, things have changed. Jaguar is now owned by Ford in the United States and its fortunes have slumped so far that financial losses in 1991 were £160

The XJ220, designed and engineered by the JaguarSport subsidiary, has also changed substantially: it is shorter and lighter than the 1988 prototype yet just as sleek, shaped like a dart with wheels. It forms a bridge between Jag-uar's racing heritage and its development of mass production saloons.

Despite being given a brief to produce probably the most exotic British sports car ever made, the engineering team have come up with a true road-going model, albeit one capable of firing from standstill to 60mph in under four seconds and going on to a maximum speed of 212 mph.

The interior is the traditional all-leather, wrap-around cabin that buyers would expect of a Jaguar. The bodywork, however, is beautifully futuristic. Under the aluminium skin is a rigid frame of a honeycombed aluminium structure offering strength only available in Formula One race cars or aircraft.

Industry Research Associ-

Crash tests at the Motor



ation laboratories, firing the car into a brick wall, showed just how strong the car is. The nose absorbed all the shock through a series of longitudinally-placed bars, slightly indented so that they crumpled predictably on impact. Both the headlamps and the windscreen survived intact and both the doors opened easily. The steering wheel also barely moved, always a crucial factor in driver survival.

Clever ideas, such as the indented absorption bars, could be used in future models mass-produced at Jaguar's Browns Lane factory in Coventry. Driver and passenger are also surrounded by a steel roll cage which can withstand 1.5 times the car's weight of almost 1.7 tonnes. Engineers simply stopped trying to break the car when they reached ten tonnes of pressure on the roof.

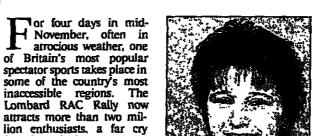
If the car's construction could help saloon production. then the engine is of racing stock. The meaty 3.5-litre V6 has twin turbochargers and delivers 542 brake horse pow er at 7.000rpm - roughly five times the power of a conventional family saloon.

On a race track, the XJ220 will go from a standing start up to 100mph in eight sec-onds, the time it would take some of the quickest GTi cars on the road to reach 60mph. Under that sort of acceleration, the car must be stable, underlining the role of the

the 1990 Jaguar Le Mans winner, testdrove the XJ220 at its maxispeeds, the car managed airflow with its low drag and rear aerofoil, while two race-derived Venturi tunnels, which exen 600lbs of downforce on the car. increased its roadholding.

The result is a remarkable combination of race engineering for an exotic roadgoing car: one capable of tearing up the tarmac of a race track or trundling along to the shops.

The XJ220 is also Jaguar's antidote to the bleak years of recession which have tarnished a once notable image. Perhaps the XJ220 will signal the return of the Big Cats.



from its early days. The first official winner, in 1932, was a Colonel A.H. Loughborough, as a result of his performance in a slow driving test on Hasting promenade. The colonel was not even behind the steering wheel, the car being driven by

his chauffeur. The raily was predominantly run on public roads and decided by navigation and timekeeping tests until 1960, when Jack Kemsley, the clerk of the course, introduced a special stage, run against the clock on forest tracks. The format was an immediate success, particularly for the Swedish drivers Eric Carlsson and Tom Trans, who dominated the event for five years before the "flying Finns" Rauno Aaltonen, Timo Makinen and Hannu Mikkola became the drivers to beat

Today, although the cars have become far more technically sophisticated, the rally still offers a similar chance to see cars that look akin to everyday models being driven at amazing speeds down the sort of rutted gravel tracks which would prevent most



Best of British: Louise Aitken Walker and Colin McRae

ordinary drivers ever getting out of second gear. The leading cars on the event are of course very different under the skin from the road-going vehicles, requir-ing a back-up team of up to 50 mechanics, capable of descending on a stricken car in a remote location and replacing major components such as gearboxes in a matter of minutes. It is the sheer cost of maintaining such an operation that has prevented a British driver winning our home event since the last all-British victory was claimed by

Roger Clark and Tony Mason in a Ford Escort in 1976. It has certainly had nothing to do with any lack of British driving talent. Dur-ing the 1980s Russell Brookes. Jimmy McRae. Tony Pond, David Llewellin and Malcolm Wilson all proved to be blindingly fast in

national events and have each come tantalisingly close to victory on the Lombard RAC, only to be frustrated by either mechanical failure or unsuitable machinery. Last year's event, however, demon-

strated the sort of perfor-

mance which can be expected

when the right cars and

British drivers are combined.

l olin McRae, aged 23, had already become the youngest British Open raily champion at the wheel of his Subaru Legacy, after winning five of Britain's top national events. The question last November was whether he would be able to improve on his father Jimmy's best RAC Rally result, a third place in the 1987 event. The answer was no, but he took the rallying world by storm, snatching the lead from the world champions.

ending - McRae slid off the track and out of contention

with one day remaining -but he had made an emphatic point, and with the security of a three-year contract with the British-based Subaru team he is now able to develop his driving style without the commercial pressures suffered by many of his predecessors.

Juha Kankkunen and Carlos

Sainz, on the second day. There was to be no fairytale

Another British driver who ble of matching the overseas stars is Louise Aitken Walker. Until last year's rally, she had never been able to compete on equal terms with the biggest names in the sport, driving less-powerful two-wheel drive cars rather than the turbocharged, four-wheel driven machinery of the opposition. In 1990, she and her co-driver Christina Thorner survived when their Vauxhall Astra plunged over a cliff and into a lake on the Portuguese Rally, but she returned to win her class in that year's Lom-

bard RAC. Last year, for the first time, she had a chance of compet-ing in the Lombard RAC Rally with top class machin-ery. Despite having little experience behind the wheel of her Ford Sierra Cosworth 4x4, she overcame gearbox problems to finish the event as the top British driver, in

STEPHEN SLATER

Fast times in the nursery

Several world

champions cut their racing teeth in Formula Ford

FORMULA Ford 1600, the most successful training class in the history of motor racing, is 25 years old in July and still

going strong. Nigel Mansell cut his teeth in Formula Ford, as did Emerson Fittipaldi, the Formula One world champion in 1972 and 1974, James Hunt (1976). Jody Scheckter (1979) and Ayrton Senna 1988, 1990 and 1991).

Like so many good things, the basis of Formula Ford is stunningly simple. John Tomlinson of Motor Racing Stables (the Brands Hatchbased racing school) hit upon the idea while seeking more modern cars in which to teach his students.

Things do not come more basic than a tubular spaceframe chassis, powered by a Ford Cortina engine mated with a VW Beetlederived gearbox and running of the Big Cats.

road-pattern tyres, but that mer mechanic Ralph was it in a nutshell. It was cheap, fun, and the man in built more than 2,000 cars



Stars of tomorrow: Formula Ford tests skills to the utmost the street could aspire to

racing what looked to the uninitiated like a miniature Formula One car. Established manufacturers built new cars, others sprang up overnight and enterpris-ing individuals even built

their own chassis to meet the rules as the gospel spread. More than 160 marques are known to exist in a formula which flourishes on four continents, from California to Australia, and Scandi-

None is more successful than Norfolk-based Van Diemen, run by Fittipaldi's for-

navia to Venezuela.

since its inception in 1973. Today's cars are much more sophisticated than the early machines. They cost a lot more, for a start — £15,000, rather than the £1,000 or so of the early models - are stiffer, lower and leaner, and positively bristle with technical

Learning car control absolutely fundamental to a young driver's craft. Formula Ford cars are not allowed wings to augment downforce, so the reflexes required to hold one "flat out" are quickly

innovation.

Racing is invariably close and exciting, and the ostensi-bly equal specification of the

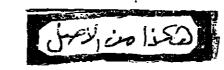
lights driver ability a mile off. With a dozen championships of international, national and regional status for Formula Ford competitors in the British Isles this year (some catering specifically for older cars), FF 1600 is thriving. From its top professional level (which requires running costs of £50,000 a year) to the new "pocket money" historic class for pre-1971 machines, Formula Ford offers some thing for everybody with a yearning to race single

seaters. Formula Ford has its own world championship at the end of each season: the Festival, begun in 1972. Eight of its winners have graduated to Formula One, including Johnny Herbert, who won the Festival in 1985 and is now

having a fine time with Lotus.

Do not doubt Formula Ford's contribution next time you study the awesome talent of Senna or Mansell from trackside of television. Or, better still, go and see the stars of tomorrow in action at Brands Hatch, when Formula Ford celebrates in Silver Jubilee on July 17.

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Still the car to beat: the Lancia Delta HF Integrale

The Italian work-horse

Looks aren't everything, as the boxy
Lancia Delta has proved with a
string of international rally triumphs

he Italians have a way of producing motoring classics. No collection of pedigree cars would be complete without a line-up of scarlet Ferraris or rakish Alfa Romeos, but the nation's most successful competition car ever is actually a small, rather boxy, five-door saloon, which despite its humble appearance can claim nine world championship crowns.

Even more amazing is the fact that the Lancia Delta has been on the road for almost 13 years, yet is still the car to beat in international rallying despite challenges from the high-tech, high-spec cars of Japan. Juha Kankkunen of Finland proved the point by claiming both victory and the World Drivers' Championship tide in last year's Lombard RAC Rally, adding a record-setting fifth successive world manufacturer's title for the Italian marque.

The rules covering the World Rally Championship stipulate that cars be derived from production models, but the latest Lancia Delta Integrale is a very different car from the 1300cc, from wheel drive hatchback that won the 1980 European Car of the Year award.

The original's 75-horsepower output is now dwarfed by the latest rally car's 300bhp turbocharged 2-litre engine, while four-wheel drive and tyres up to nine inches wide ensure the ultimate in traction.

The reason for this is a complex system by which manufacturers ensure that their cars have the requisite "extras" to keep ahead of their rivals in performance, while still keeping to the rule that requires a minimum of 5,000 cars of the particular model to be built.

In fact, the Lancia Delta was already nine years old in

1986 when the initial modifications were instituted to make it a rally winner. Taking the existing Delta saloon, the Lancia engineers fitted a turbocharged 2-litre engine and four-wheel drive to create the Delta HF 4WD, which would form the basis of their new rally car.

Next came the challenge of building 5,000 production models before the first rally of 1987, the Monte Carlo in January. In fact, the 5,000 cars were only actually completed after the rally, but by then the Delta had scored a debut victory.

Although the Delta HF
4WD won nine world
championship rallies
in its opening season, Lancia
did not stop development
work. To stay ahead of potential challenges from Mazda
and Toyota during 1988 a
new model was produced, the
Delta Integrale, which used
the same basic layout but
offered more suspension
movement under blistered
wheel arches and better en-

gine cooling.

Another "evolution" of the Integrale appeared late in 1989, this time with a 16-valve engine to boost power output. Again it scored a debut victory.

debut victory.

The final success for this model was Kankkumen's Lombard RAC Rally victory, because in January a fourth and probably final evolution of the design appeared. It too sports more power and even wider wheel arches to house a more sophisticated suspension extension.

The Portuguese Rally at the beginning of this month saw Lancia's 45th world championship victory, and a new Delta is likely to be released to the public later this year.

STEPHEN SLATER

Masters of the mean machine

Three of racing's most powerful engines come from neighbouring UK factories

THERE is probably a patch of Northamptonshire where, on a still day, it is possible to hear the bark of three of the most powerful car engines ever to come out of Britain as they are tested in three

separate factories.

Cosworth, Judd and Ilmor, whose engines power more than half of the cars that make up the Grand Prix grids as well as the cars on the Indianapolis circuit in America, are all based in the area. Cosworth is made in Northampton and nearby Wellingborough, Judd just across the Northamptonshire county boundary in Rugby and Ilmor in the tiny village of Brixworth.

This concentration of power in such a small area is largely coincidental, although the proximity of the Silverstone Grand Prix circuit, with its fast, sweeping bends and testing facilities, plays a supporting role.

The dominance of the UK

The dominance of the UK racing engine industry and its importance as an export earner were demonstrated at last year's Indianapolis 500, which attracted 350,000 spectators and a worldwide television audience. The V8 turbocharged engine of last year's winning Penske carried Chevrolet's name, but was designed and built by Ilmor in Brixworth. The next five cars home were also Ilmor-powered.

During the 1980s. Cosworth engines were the masters of Indy car racing. When the Indy 500 victor flashes across the line in May this year its engine will almost certainly have "Made in Northamptonshire" stamped on it, although the camshaft covers will bear either the Chevrolet or Ford

logos.

Ilmor, founded by Mario Ilien and Paul Morgan, two former and respected Cosworth engineers, will again be providing developments of their alcohol-fuelled engines — each producing in excess of 720 horsepower — for the Chevrolet-supported teams. Cosworth has a new engine, the Ford-Cosworth XR, which it hopes will restablish the marque as the frontrunner of the Indy race and the Indy-CART series of races throughout America.

DR PETER Nevitt, the executive chairman of Cosworth, says: "The XB will be the most technically advanced engine in Indy-CART: smaller, lighter and more powerful

Cars with Cosworth engines first entered Indy-CART racing in 1975, and have won 153 races and 10 championships, a feat which no other engine-maker has

other engine-maker, has come close to equalling. The technological advances amassed by the engine builders do, however, quickly filter through to the road car. Modern multi-valve engines are clean and powerful because of the lessons learnt on the race track.

DAVID YOUNG

Driving a bargain hard

Manufacturers and sponsors pour millions into top-flight racing, in the hopes of making millions more.

Vaughan Freeman reports

ar manufacturers spend millions of pounds on motor sport — and they don't do it for fun. Technological developments derived from building cars that can reach 200 mph and more do bring advantages to the average motorist. Disc brakes, four-wheel drive, better fuel efficiency and safer cars are some of the benefits brough about by racing and rallying. However, just as one wonders if we seeded men on the Moon in forder to develop non-stick saucepans, one also wonders if motor manufacturers could not have devel-

oped such advances more cheaply.

The costs are fearsome. Formula: One cars are lucky to get a couple of miles from each £270 gallon of fuel they use. Ayrton Senna is reputed to earn \$15 million a season while Nigel Mansell earns a reputed: \$10 million. A top Formula One team will spend \$50 million in a 16-race

Rallying and saloon car racing are also expensive, and

the real reason for spending so much rying to win at Le Mans, Silverstone or the Kielder Forest is sales.

Ford sells more cars in the UK than any other manufacturer and takes great pains to know its market. To that end Ford commissioned a survey by MIL Research to see how much impact motor sport

MIL polled 400 men aged from 18 to 54 who had recently bought a new car, and found they were more likely to be interested in motor sport than any other except football.

Interestingly, of those ques-

tioned, 39 per cent thought rallying brought more benefit to the ordinary motorist, 27 per cent thought touring car races more beneficial, while only 12 per cent thought Formula One benefited the ordinary motorist.

Rallying is also one of the

quickest ways for motor manufacturers to create, improve or alter a public perception witness Audi's transformation in public eyes when its quattros swept all before



Off-road, and into the showrooms: for the Subaru Legacy RS rallying is both an engineering and a marketing operation

them in rallying. Now Subaru is ploughing money into rallying in an effort to raise their profile and create the image of a ruggedly reliable but fast range of cars.

The racing development work done on the basic Japanese Subaru cars to turn them into competitive rallying machines is being done by Prodrive in Banbury, Oxfortshire

David Richards, the managing director of Prodrive, says Subaru and other manufacturers are clear about their sporting effort. "It is a marketing exercise more than an engineering exercise.

"For instance, we are working on an automatic gearbox to be run later this year. Most people under 30 would never consider an automatic box. thinking it only suitable for motorists who want to pootle around. If people see a winning automatic gearbox in rallying they are far more

likely to buy it.
"We have been asked to change the image of Subaru and through motor sport they

can do that far faster than a TV or newspaper campaign. Motor sport is believable and people relate to it."

cting on this perception, manufacturers are turning to saloon and touring car racing where cars look vaguely like the vehicles they build for the road.

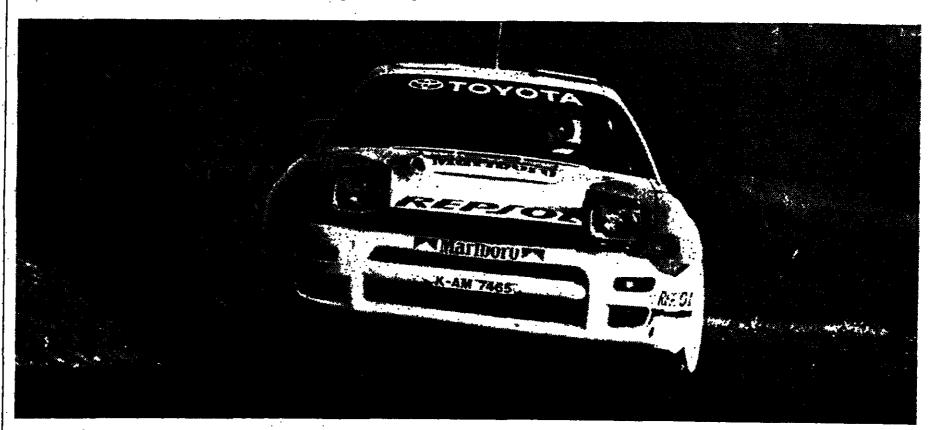
After Mazda became the first Japanese manufacturer to win the Le Mans 24-hour race, last year, it had special edition sports cars for sale

within months, painted in the peculiar quarter-checked livery of the winning race car.

The philosophy of beating showroom rivals on the track translates into a flurry of advertising using the racing victory as a sales point. The saloon-car teams of manufacturers such as BMW. Porsche and Audi rely on the "trickle down" or "halo" effect. This means that however evotic their race-winning cars are, the glamour surrounding their victories reflects on their volume-produced vehicles.



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New on the beaten track

Advanced driving schools teach a harder lesson than expected, evin Eason says

lasting around a race track can be the most exhilarating sheek. It can also be the most

Any bar-room conversation that revolves around cars and driving throws up no surprises. Everyone is a good driver, and it was always the other driver's fault.

Driving is one activity at which everyone is an expert. Most of us drive, some of us tens of thousands of miles a year, perhaps without an accident and secure in cars. big or small, capable of breaking the motorway speed limit quite easily. Surely that makes us an expert on the subject? We drive, therefore we know all there is to know.

Mick Linford has met drivers like that before. He also talks to them shortly after they have tried some of the high-performance driving courses he runs for the John Watson Performance Driving Centre at Silverstone, Britain's premier race track.

What he discovers is usually men and women chastened by their discovery that driving is not as easy as they thought

Yes, they can make a car go backwards and forwards and often at high speed, but few can control a car suddenly aquaplaning through deep water, nor can they cope when it develops a frightening skid with the rear wheels yawing out of control.

High-performance driving schools are one of the fastestgrowing leisure activities in the country, almost immune from the recession as both companies and private drivers discover the worth of developing their road skills.

Drivers who enrol for a day's driving probably set off in anticipation of showing their Nigel Mansell-like ability, tearing around a track at breakneck speeds. What they



discover is that all driving requires a high degree of discipline and skills.

At the John Watson centre, drivers can try their hand at a variety of driving adventures, from go-karting to rallying, single-seater racing in Formula Ford cars or simply advanced driving techniques. The emphasis is always on safety and skill.

John Watson, one of Britain's best racing drivers of the last 20 years, opened his performance driving centre three years ago determined that he would carry over the same sort of excellence in car care and motoring standards he found in Formula One racing, the pinnacle of any driving career.

More than 10,500 drivers. aged from 18 to 80, went through the centre last year. They varied in type from the budding race driver to the portly company chairman whose most strenuous in-car activity is normally to change

the tape in the stereo player. Tricia Watson, no relation to John, but the company's corporate sales executive. says: "There is a huge variety in the types of people who come here. A large number of places are booked by wives or girlfriends for their husbands or boyfriends. The men rum up shrugging their shoulders.

thinking it is all going to be easy. They discover that is not the case. For track days, a single seater 1.6-litre Formula Ford with about 100 brake horse power or a 130bhp racetuned Peugeot 205 GTi are

available. Tuition, however, starts in the classroom with strict lessons on safety and the physics of how a car moves, brakes and corners. After that, there are training circuits where students are often accompanied by instructors who have to be certain their charges can be unleashed on a circuit.

There have been no disasters to date, but many drivers have realised that the car can be a lethal weapon capable of getting beyond their control without the exercise of high

But how does driving at high speed around a track help sharpen the instincts of an ordinary driver? Mr Linford, the centre manager, says: "Critics will say that we

just encourage people to drive

"But our experience is entirely different. We find people become much more aware of how a car handles,

Highperformance driving schools are almost immune from

what it is capable of and how much better they can control it. They do not want to drive fast, but want to drive better, and that is a contribution to road safety."

the recession

Unfortunately the number drivers being trained is insignificant, considering that there are more than 23 million licence holders in

those are company car drivers, among whom are drivers with some of the worst acci-

dent records.

Surveys show consistently that company car-users drive faster, are more careless and more likely to have accidents than private motorists who do little more than use their cars to go to work or to enjoy weekend outings. Yet companies go on paying out huge insurance premiums to cover their drivers' behaviour at the wheel.

At the Peter Gethin school at Goodwood, near Chichester, studies of drivers who have had training have re-

vealed startling results.

IBM, the world's biggest computer company, checked on 150 of its drivers over a nine-month period. Of 31 accident claims, 23 were from untrained drivers and eight from those who advanced driver training. Where the driver was at fault, the average cost of a claim for a trained driver was £296; for the untrained

Mr Gethin, one of the fastest-ever Grand Prix driv-

Britain. About 4.5 million of ers, says: "Safety is a serious business, but having confidence in your driving and knowing that you are a safe

driver can put a lot of enjoy-ment back into it." Tricia Watson says that companies coming to her for advice admit to horrendous accident rates and then discover that driver training can save thousands of pounds in renairs and time for cars off

the road.

"We find that company directors agree training is a good thing," she says, "but they then shake their heads at the £56 for a part session, saying it is too expensive. Realistically, that is the cost of one smashed light lens or a meal for two in a half-decent restaurant. Training is an investment, not a

● Typical costs: John Watson High Performance Driving Centre (telephone 0327-858268), skid lesson £56. ad-vanced driving course £185, full rally course £190, racing instruc-tion £80. Peter Gethin Driving Courses (0243-778118), half-day defensive driver training £125. performance and road safety course £420, skid control £33.50.

Kart before horsepower

Each summer weekend, Britons of all ages enjoy racing across the country

THERE is a lot more to motor racing than just For-mula One. On almost every weekend from now until November, the paddocks of each of Britain's 15 racing circuits will be occupied by competitors putting the final touches to a selection of machines ranging from tiny 60cc karts to 7-ton trucks capable of 100mph.

The competitive spirit even extends to cars as humble as Morris Minors and Citroen

The starting point for many an aspiring Nigel Mansell is undoubtedly karting, a sport that has come a long way from the motorcycle-engined "bedsteads" with which it began in the early 1960s. Today's machinery sports ul-tra-light tubular chassis, powered by high-perfor-mance two-stroke engines that can rev to 11.000 rpm and beyond, but the skill of

the driver is still paramount. The fact that some of these race-hardened veterans are less than ten years old may come as something of a surprise, until you discover that Cadet karting, which was launched by the RAC MSA in 1986 for eight to tenyear-olds, has now attracted

more than 500 drivers. Fine-tuning is all that is allowed by the RAC's rules, which also prevent the smallest racers gaining a power-toweight advantage by adding ballast to ensure that each kart and driver combination weighs a minimum of 90kg

on the starting line. Each driver's activity on the track is closely monitored by RAC officials, too, with safety being of paramount impor-tance, but it does not prevent close, clean and frequently

spectacular racing. Both Nigel Mansell and Ayrton Senna learnt their initial skills in karting. A decade ago, top touring car racer Tim Harvey began his career in karts, and was only pipped at the post for London Kart Club honours by

Johnnie Herbert, the current

Longs Grand Prix driver The greatest contrast to the tiny Cadet Karts, at the other end of the motor sports scale. is truck racing. In 1984, when a group of truck drivers got together to run their first race meeting at Donington Park near Deroy, they must have had little idea that their sport would boom into a European championship that attracts crowds equivalent to

many Grands Prix. The trucks are adapted from the articulated tractor units that ply the motorways. Today's racing mucks can develop as much as 1,500hp and are capable of out-accel-erating most high-performance cars. The axiom that "racing improves the breed" is perhaps more true in truck than in car racing.

Being a spectator is one thing, but there is nothing like competing, and on some summer weekends more than 1,000 people are taking part in motor sports events around the country.

An even more unusual choice for a racing car must be the Citroën 2CV. Over the past three years a remarkable one-make championship for the "tin snails" has attracted capacity starting grids. The line-up for each race consists of about 30 2CVs, buzzing like homets and leaning spectacularly in the corners.

The winning 2CV's average speed of 49mph was a little slower than Johnnie Herbert's average of more than 128mph at Le Mans, but out of the 39 starters, 35 finished the race, with the entrants covering a staggering 32.384

laps.
Somewhat surprisingly, though, the Citroens do not travel to France for their annual 24-hour epic. Instead. they take to the track each June at Mondello Park near Dublin. After all, where better for a race of this nature than Ireland?

STEPHEN SLATER



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PRIVATE LEGISLATION PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) **ACT 1936 BRITISH RAILWAYS (NO.2)**

NOTICEIS HERERY GIVEN that application by Petition under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936 has been made to the Secretary of State in March 1992 by the British Railways Board for a Provisional Order ("the Order") under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is

1. Construction of Work No.1 - A railway (3530 metres in length) in the district of Clackmannan, Central Region, being a reinstaltement of a discontinued portion, between Cambus and Alioa, of the String to Dunfermline Railway, including the provision of level crossings across Station Road, Cambus, and Grange Road, Alloa.

2. Special provisions in connection with the construction and maintenance of Work No. 1; establishment of a railway station at Alioa with pedestrian access from and to Erskine Street; and power to stop up temporarily to vehicles part of Station Road and power to stop u Grange Road.

3. Purchase of land and new rights in, under and over land for the purpose of the proposed works; the use of land for the construction and maintenance of the works and for passenger access from and to the intended station at Alioa; extinction or suspension of private rights of passage over land to be purchased or used; and special provisions as to entry and compensation.

Order.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a plan, section and book of reference relating to the Order have been deposited for public inspection with the Sheriff Clerk at the Sheriff Court, Marr Street, Alloa; and with the Chief Executive, Clackmannan District Council,

On and after 3rd April 1992 a copy of the Order may be inspected at the above mentioned offices of the Sheriff Clerk and Chief Executive and a copy inspected and copies obtained at the price of 50p each at the office of the Chief Administration Officer, price of 50p each at the office of the Chief Administration Officer, Clackmannan District Council, Greenfield, Alioa (where a copy of the plan, section and book of reference may also be inspected); at the Travel Centre, Edinburgh Waverley Station; and at each of the undermentioned offices. On and after that date copies of an the undermentioned offices. On and after that date copies of an Environmental Statement together with a non-technical summary of that Statement relating to the purposes of the Order will also be available for inspection and for sale at the price of £10 each for the Statement and £1 for the summary at the above mentioned office of the Chief Administration Officer, Clackmannan District Council, at the Travel Centre, Edinburgh Waverley Station and at each of the undermentioned offices.

Petitions against the Order praying to be heard must be deposited at the Scottish Office, Dover House, Whitehall, London SW1A 2AU, not later than six weeks after 11th April 1992 in the manner and subject to the conditions prescribed in General Orders 75 to 77, copies of which may be inspected at the offices referred to

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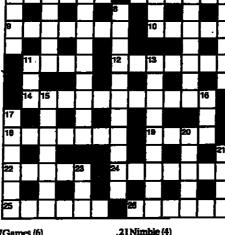
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9.25 Equinoc: Going Downhill Fast. The science of speed skiing (r).
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Tony Savage as seen by his son, a graduate of the National Film and
Television School (f) (Teletext) (63031)
11.00 Kingdom of the Deep. Des and Jen Bartlett film whales off the
coast of Patagonia (f) (26431)
12.00 Noah's Ark. The birds of Venezuela's rain forest caves (f) (25141)
12.30 Business Dailty (44764) 1,00 Sessame Street (49219)
2.00 Films The Adventures of Michael Strogoff (1937, bw) starring
Anton Walbrook. Lively third screen version of Jules Verne's tale
about an emissary of the Tsar during Russia's war with the Tartars in
1879, Directed by George Nicholls in (184801)
3.35 Pete Smith Specialities (6887528)
3.45 Third Wave With Mavis Nicholson. How Greece's Symi islanders
have adapted to the change in their way of life (2181122)
4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (580)
5.00 It's A Dog's Life. With Rose Whitcomb, master of the Ytene
Minkhounds (r) (6832)
5.30 D'Art. The final programme in the series and the group of deaf
children perform the show they have been putting together (832)
6.00 Treasure Hunt in Devon (r). (Teletext) (52783)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (958509)
7.50 Voters. Three voters in a Darlington nightclub discuss what they see
as important general election issues (167899)
8.00 People First. The second and final part of an examination of the
Current legislation aimed at ending discrimination on the grounds of
disability. (Teletext) (5344)
8.30 Nature Watchr. Captive Friends. The story of Dr Marthe KileyWorthington, the Englishwoman known as the Dr Doolittle of the

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9.00 Without Walls: J'Accuse — Agatha Christie (8035); 9.30 Reel

Secrets (64528).

• CHOICE Tonight's items are an assassination of Agatha Christie

and a defence of the horror film as the purest form of cinema. Christie turns up in the FAccuse slot, where fellow crime writer

Michael Dibdin argues that far from nourishing the British crime novel she left it sterile. Helped by Ruth Rendell and others, Dibdin

charges Christie with being all puzzle and no feeling. But this has been said many times before and still the books outsell everything except the Bible. The American Robert McKee was responsible for a

more trenchant J'Accuse on Orson Welles and Otizen Kane. Here he is praising the modern horror film with reference to Nightmare on Eim Street (to be shown after this programme) and Alien. If McKee tends to pass off technique as art, something he castigated Welles for, his analysis is lively, acute and revealing $\eta \in \mathcal{H}_{k_0}$

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax (93493) 6.30 Breakfast News (57243870)
9.05 Election Call introduced by Jonathan Dimbleby. Norman Lamont answers viewers' and listeners' election questions. To participate ring 071-799 5000. With Radio 4 (1004967)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (9348677) 10.05 Playdays (5) (8834702) 10.25 The Family Ness (r) (8341764) 10.35 Gibberish. Celebrity word game hosted by Kenny Everett (5) (8984431) 11.00 News, regional news and weather (4576431) 11.05 Help Yourself. Parn Rhodes learns how counselling can help people come to terms with the loss of loved ones (3431257) 11.30 People Today (5) (9200870) Includes News, regional news and weather at 12.00

ebble Mill. Music and chat introduced by Judi Spiers (s) (2937899)

12.55 Regional News and weather (60552783)
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (11509)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (33426603) 1.50 Turnabout. Word-

power testing quiz (25321239)

2.15 Film: Escape To Burma (1955) starring Barbara Starrwyck, Robert Ryan and David Farrar. Far-fetched but diverting drama about a man on the run for murder who takes refuge on a plantation in Burma and starts an affair with the American woman owner. Directed by Allan Dwan (2415528)

3.40 Cartoon. Hungry Wolf (4957967) 3.50 Joshua Jones. Animation (6866035) 4.05 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) (4218344) 4.10 Jackanory. Patrica Routledge with part two of Lizzle Dripping and the Witch (s) (5469122) 4.25 The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse. Cartoon (r) (4289832) 4.35 The Really Wild Roadshow. A visit to Bridgemere Wildlife Park. (Ceefax) (s) (972978) 5.00 Newsround (3137306) 5.10 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men.

Forum 5.45 Inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (685) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (615). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Holiday. Sue Cook samples Spain's Tossa de Mar, and Anneka Rice

Part five of Tony Robinson's cornedy serial (r). (Ceefax) (2163677) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (312306). Northern Ireland: Election

vists Northern Ireland's Antrim coast. (Ceefax) (s) (3986) 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (899) 8.00 Just Good Friends. John Sullivan's romantic comedy starring Paul

Nicholas and Jan Francis (r). (Ceefax) (9306) 8.30 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. This week Bill Beaumont is joined by Gary Mabbutt and Mark Priman. John

Parrott's team is Jonathan Webb and Diane Edwards (1141)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News and Campaign Report with Martyn Lews.
(Ceefax) Regional News and weather (894219)

9.50 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative party (445035)



Detectives one and all: Tom Wilkinson, third left (10.00pm)

10.00 Resnick: Lonely Hearts.

● CHOICE: Charlie Resnick is billed as an unconventional detective though an addiction to sandwiches and jazz seems hardly to put him beyond the pale. Played by the excellent Tom Wilkinson, he is a rumpled, overweight Nottingham cop whose private life (divorced, no children, lwing alone) seems destined to occupy as much screen time as his work. Adapted from his novel by John Harvey, the three-parter starts promisingly by interweaving a child abuse case with a murder investigation and introducing a social worker (Fiona Victory) who could be the company Resnick is looking for. The murky photography looks like an attempt to impose "style" but if some of the the images lack clarity the narrative is sharp and lucid and fulfils the basic function of making us want to know what will happen next. (Ceefax) (s) (340509) 10.50 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (881141)

10.55 Film 92 with Barry Norman. Includes a report on last night's Oscars awards and a review of Goldie Hawn's new film Deceived (s) (815832). Northern Ireland: A Royal Occasion

11.25 Private Eye. American drama series set in the 1950s starring Michael Woods and losh Brolin as private detectives Cleary and Betts. This week they are hired by a Hollywood sex symbol (267122). Northern Ireland: 11.30 Film 92 12.00 Black in Blue

12.15am On the Hustings (36517)
12.45 Weather (4123420). Northern Ireland: 12.50-1.20 On the Hustings

BBC 2

7.10 Open University: Drive for Quality (4006899). Ends at 7.35
8.00 Breakfast News (9028054)
8.15 Knickerbockers in Knightsbridge. A portrait of Hill House, one of Britain's largest prep schools, of which the Prince of Wales was once a pupil (f). (Ceefax) (8188122)
9.00 Film: Madame X (1937, b/w). Gladys George as a woman who, after an accidental death, falls into degradation and despair and stands trial for murder. One of the lesser versions of a much-filmed stands trial for murder. One of the lesser versions of a much-filmed stands trial for murder. One of the lesser versions of a much-filmed stands trial for murder. One of the lesser versions of a much-filmed stands for murder in Sam Wood (44964931).

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10.10 Film: Beau: Geste (1939, blw) starring Gary Cooper and Ray Milland. Dashing version of P.C. Wren's French Foreign Legion drama, directed by William A. Wellman (82838073)

12.00 Screen Painters. House screen painting in east Baltimore (30073)

12.30 The Yukon Passage. Four young men retrace the steps of North American gold prospectors (r) (3106829)

1.20 Mr Benn, Animated story narrated by Ray Brooks (r) (71553580)

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 1.35 in the Post. How postal services have developed since ancient Egyptian times (r) (96258764)
 2.00 News and weather (74679386) followed by Look, Stranger. A portrait of Mary Davies, an inspector of historic buildings in the Borders (r) (46368412) 2.30 See Hear! magazine for the hearing impaired (948)

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3.00 News and weather (3988764) followed by The High Chaparral Vintage western series (r). (Ceefax) (6737832) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (4944493)
4.00 Film: Blowing Wild (1953, b/w) starring Gary Cooper and Barbara Starnwyck. Formula piece about an oil prospector in 1930s Mexico dealing with bandits and an unscrupulous woman. Directed by Hugo Frances (85986)

Hugo Fregonese (85986) rdeners' World. Includes a report in the Yellow Book Scheme (r)

6.00 Film: The Wooden Horse (1950, b/w) staming Leo Genn and David Tomlinson. Well-made second world war drama, based on fact. about an escape by British prisoners of war from Stalag Luft III. Directed by Jack Lee (97357493)

 7.40 Animation Now. An inside lob (876035)
 7.50 Young Musician of the Year. Eleven young woodwind musicians compete in the second of the four semi-finals. Presented by Gillian Moore and Andrew Shulman (s) (159677)



Out of this world: the satellite television team (8.30pm)

8.30 KYTV. Spoof comedy series set inside the studios of a satellite television station (s) (9783)

9.00 Quantum Leap. Scott Bakula stars as the time-trapped scientist in this off-beat science fiction drama. This week he emerges in April 1969 where he has the task of preventing a woman who thinks her husband has been killed in the Vietnam war from marrying another man. (Ceefax) (s) (885561)

9.50 40 Minutes: Soldier's Diary.

© CHOICE: Such is the flexibility of 40 Minutes that it can move effortlessly from a celebration of Radio Luxembourg to a sombre portrait of life on the occupied West Bank. The diarist of the title is Yishai Shuster, a 43-year-old Israeli sent to police the Palestinians as part of his annual reserve duty in the army. It is not a job he refishes. He cannot go along with the mindless harassment of the Arabs and as a refugee himself (from Gomulka's Poland) he sympathises more with the locals than the occupiers. Whether his feelings are typical of the Israeli forces is not revealed. Shuster is certainly out of with the Jewish settler community, among whom boys in their early teens talk of doing to the Arabs what Hitler did to the Jews. After Pauline Cutting's ITV film from Gaza, this has not been a good week for the Israeli cause. (Ceefax) (187967)

11.30 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (93615) 12.00 Weather (5022468)

10.25 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative party. (Ceefax) 10.35 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (688306)

12.05am Open University: Science - Jamaica and the Sea (4110401).

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6.00 TV-am (3996431)
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game show hosted by Lennie
Bennett (9531967) 9.55 Thames News (6496054)

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10.00 The Time...The Place... John Stapleton chairs a topical discussion (6945431)
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series (4714948)
12.10 Playbox.For the very young (r) (9617306)
12.30 TN Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (7096948) 1.10 Thames

News (77459851) 1,20 Home and Away. (Oracle) (63039967) 1.50 A Country Practice (s) (96262967)
2.20 Heirloom. John Bly and guest expert David Battle identify and value

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3.15 ITM News headlines (3998141) 3.20 Tharmes News headlines (3995054) 3.25 The Young Doctors (8376306)
3.55 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends, narrated by Michael Angelis (4930290) 4.05 Disney's Duck Tales. Cartoon (6986122) 4.30 Cartoon. Porky Pig in The Wearing of the Grin (5566764) 4.40 Just Us. Last in the children's drama serial (s) (3095257)
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5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game (8063696)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (214325)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (431)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (780219)
6.55 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative party (116870)
7.00 Emmerdale. Bucolic soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (8054)
7.30 Solive My Problem. Health is his evening's topic with a sister in a chronic illness ward in a Salford, Greater Manchester, hospital, showing a film she has made about the problems she faces every day. She asks Virginia Bottomley, Robin Cook and David Bellotti what can be done to helo (967)

what can be done to help (967) 8.00 The Bill: Stopover. A local guest house owner complains about regular beak-ins by an intruder that nobody else has seen. Garfield sent to investigate, thinks the woman is imagining things. (Oracle)

8.30 The Benny Hill Show. The first in a series of compilations from the saucy comedian's past shows (s) (3509)



Joining the hospital team: Sue Johnston, Torn Baker (9.00pm)

 CHOICE: After a lacklustre performance in the first series the hospital drama has undergone sweeping cast changes, with the accent on experience. In comes Tom Baker, who has filled out since Dr Who days and would be an excellent choice for Roy Hattersley in a biopic of Labour's deputy leader. Here he plays a flamboyant surgeon who grows marrows and keeps chickens. The team is also strengthened by Sue Johnston as a penny-pinching administrator. Thus "re-vitalised", the show promises to tackle the issues of the "troubled" National Health Service in the 1990s. With memories of Conservative attacks on Casualty, this could be a tricky objective in the middle of an election campaign. But on the evidence of tonight's low-key opener, Chris Patten is unlikely to be picking up the telephone just yet. (Oracle) (6306)

10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (35528) 10.30 Thames News

10.40 Extraordinary People: Across the Jade Divide. This last in the series profiles Keith Huxley who traces the journey taken 50 years

ago by his father from a Shanghai internment camp to safety 2,000 miles away. (Oracle) (695696) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian drama series (885677)
12.30 Video View. The latest video releases reviewed (13710)
1.30 Shady Tales starring Adam Faith as an indolent private detective

1.40 The Equalizer. McCall is asked to find the men who raped and beat up a pregnant woman. Starring Edward Woodward (r) (4753389). 2.30 Donahue. American chat show (85710)

3.30 60 Minutes. News magazine from the United States (97555)
4.30 Entertainment UK A guide to the country's leisure scene (12888) 5.30 ITN Morning News (80975). Ends at 6.00

sleep. (Teleted) (168883)

11.45 Empty Nest. Comedy series starring Richard Mulligan as a widowed medical man in Golden Girls territory (s) (780832)

12.15am Midnight Special presented by Vincent Hama (150642) 2.15 Film: Fatal Lady (1936, b/w) starring Mary Ellis and Walter Pidgeon. Spirited melodrama about an opera singer who is dogged by murder wherever she goes. Directed by Edward Ludwig.

Razor-fingered Freddy Krueger: Robert Englund (10.00pm)

19.00 Film: A Nightmare on Elm Street (9184) starring Robert Englund.
Wes Craven's cult horror about a long-dead child murderer who

returns to haunt teenagers in nightmares and to kill them while they

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 10.00 Evil Under the Sun (1981): Peter Ustron stars as Portot (86764)
 12.00 Never Say Goodbye (1987): A grandmother is placed on the support

1.00pm All The Kids Do It (1984) Scott
Baio play: a tragic diver (52959)
2.00 Across the Great Divide (1977): Cross
country advenure (25677)
4.00 Mystery Mansion (1983): Drama
about descendants of a poneer family
(51451615)
5.40 Entertainment Tonight (845219)
6.00 Joe Versus the Volcano (1990): Fable
with Tom Harks and Meg Ryan (38141)
8.00 Running on Empty (1989) Polical
outlaws on on the run (49986)
12.00 Scottish Cup Semi-Final
(28815) 10.00 The Footballer's Football Show (74957) 1.0.00 NHL ice Hockey
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agent finds his life in danger (3657888) 3.00 Exquisita Corpses (1988): Firm noir about a muscian in a murder plot (257178) 4.35 Banzai Runner (1986): Futuristic

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 6.15am Number One (1969) Charlton Heston plays a quarterback (65158832) 8.00 The Seaguil (1968), James Mason stars n this Chekhov adaptation (50903122) in this Chekhov adaptation (50/945122) 10.25 Wee Willie Windlie (1937, b/w): Shirley Temple film set in India (78715847) 12.15pm Dark Command (1940, b/w): Western stamp John Wayne (327567) 2.15 B.L. Stryker: Die Laughing (1989): Burt Reynolds plays a detective assigned to protect a cornedian (756290) 4.00 Treasure Island (1972) Adventure oth Orson Welles (51459257)

with order weeks (\$1499.95). Comic-strip gang-ster picture with Warren Beatty (34063431) 7.30 The 64th Annual Academy Awards (4389073) 11.00 Left it Ride (1990). Richard Dreyhuss

tars as a small-time gambler (630257) 1**2.35am The Deer Humter** (1978); Vietnam ma with Robert DeNiro (37349807) 3.40 They Call Me Mr Tibbs! (1970): Sequel to in The Heat of the Night Stamp THE COMEDY CHANNEL

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m Mr Ed (2375) 4 30 Personat Junction (\$509) 5.00 The New leave it to Beaver (\$306) 5.30 Greenactes (\$561) 5.00 Here's Lucy (\$702) 6.30 Small Wonder (\$054) 7.00 F Lucy (2702) 6.30 Small Wonder (3054) 7.00 F Troop (8870) 7.30 McHaie's Navy (9238) 8,00 Are You Reing Sened" (2290) 8.30 Night Court (3325) 9.00 Hogan's Herois (70677) 9.30 Here's Lucy (67764) 19.00 Guys 'n' Dolls (38764) 10.30 McHaie's Navy (47412)

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7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Chopin (Polonaice in F sharp
minor, Op 44): Brahms (Alto
Rhapsody): Rodrigo (Concierto
para una fiesta) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Haydn. Symphony No 22 in E
flat, Philosopher (Orpheus
Chamber Orrhestra): LIFESTYLE Via the Astra satellite.
 10.00am The Great American Gameshows (3110702) 10.50 Coffee Break (5103948) 10.55 Getting Fit with Dense Austin (6739342) 11.25 Wok with Yan (9270325)

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RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Bhan Hayes Good Morning UK! 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Giona Hunnford 3.30 Ed Stewart not 3.55-4.00 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats 5.05 John Dunn, ind Answers, Please 7.00 An Actor's Life for Me 4 of 7 7.30 Philip Bacton's Pans Collection (5 of 61 8.00 Robert Custman's Songbook (2 of 6) 9.00 Spotlight On Mabel Mercer 10.00 Sounds Latin 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Jazz Parade Chick Corea's Elektric Band (1 of 2) 1.00 Alex Lester with Paght Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

Report 4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.45

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8.00am Figure Stating World Championship
(78344) 10.00 Golf Firenze Italy (23306)
12.00 Handball World Championship
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2.30 Eurofun Magazine (4141) 3.00 Figure
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● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobes (83764) 7.30 French Rugby League (15967) 8.30 NH. Action (93035) 9.30 Eurobes (459344) 10.00 Bodybulding (91783) 11.00 NBA Baskethal 1991/92 (5689) 12.30pm NBA Action 1992 (10832) 1.00 Powersports international (43615) 2.00 Eurobes (2715) 2.30 Col (47832) 3.30 World League of US Football (85870) 5.00

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EUROSPORT

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm 8.00am World Service Newshour 8.30 Danm Baker's Morring Edition 9.00 Schools See to foore 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walker with The AM alternative 12.30pm Kincher Laborst A decusson between su women from Motherwell 1.00 Revis Update 1.15 1, 2, 4 in 1.30 SPBS Worldwide Jamor and the Squad 2.30 World Service, Health Matters, 2.45 ror 1.30 SPBS Worldwide Jamor and the Squad 2.30 World Service, Health Matters, 2.45 ror World, 3.05 Cuttool, 3.30 World of Books, 4.05 What De Muslams Between 4.35 Five load 7.15 Ballet Sheep 7.30 School Days The Heart and Hearen 4 play by Maya Chowdiny 1000 Football Ertra Bardar, League 10.10 Earthot, and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am Newsport

RADIO 3 Nikolaeva); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor) (r) 4.15 Haydn Baryton Trio periorus Haydn (Trio in A, H XI 57, Trio in G, H XI 59) 6.55am Weather, News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Elgar (Overture, Cockaigne, In London Town); Molter (Trumpet Concerto No 1 in D)

Portraits in Brass. Gregori (Of Men and Moustains: Gothenburg Brass Band under Gregorn); Mussorgsky, ar Bigar Howarth (Pictures at an Exhibition: Britannia Building Society Band under Howard Spain 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Roger Nichols
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear

© CHOICE: Professor Daniel Chamber Orchestra)

Dennett, the American philosopher, whose new book Consciousness Explained is now on sale, explains it again Kocsis, piano); Symphony No 34 in D (Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood) Morning Sequence: Stravinsky (Mass: BBC Singers; for us in response to some intelligible questioning by Bill Newton-Smith of Oxford University. Although the professor, a specialist in all things cognitive, likes to talk about himself and us as centres of narrative gravity, and ultra-sophisticated word processing packages, he is rarely abstruse. For every mention of the cartesian theory, there is comment on for us in response to some 9.35 M BBC SO under Gielen); G. Gabriel (Canzon Duodecimi Tonr. Empire Brass); Debussy (En Blanc et Noir: Martha Argerich and Stephen Bishop Kovacevich, pianos); Stravinsk (Le Roi des Etoiles: French National Radio Chorus and Orchestra under Boulez Ordensia dicties bothezi: Beethoven (Sonata in F, Op 54: Wilhelm Kempff, piano); Stravnsky (Septet: Columbia Chamber Ensemble); Nes (Decoration Day: Chicago SO toecration tay: Chicago SO under Táson Thomas; Monteverdi (Dirit Dominus, Vespers: Taverner Consort and Payers under Parrott); Webern (String Tho, Op 20: Members of LaSalle Quartett); Strainsky (Continues Sacruses Cheix of

Clarke, baritone, as Maharat, and John Hall, bass-baritone, (Canticum Sacrum: Choir of Westminster Cathedral; City of London Sillonia under Hopkins performs Bridge (Suite for strings); Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D. Nelli Shkolnikova); Grainger (Suite, The Warnors) (r) 1.00pm

News
1.05 Haydn and Dvořák.
Chilingrian Quartet, with Peter
Frankl, piano, performs Haydn
(Piano frio in E flat minor, H
XV 31); Dvořák (Piano Quintet ın A, Op 81) (r) 2.00 Music Weekly (r) 2.45 BBC Scottish SO under

Alexander Gibson performs Mozart (Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat, K. 595: Tatyana

theory, there is comment on cool beer. And Stalin, Orwell and Marcel Marceau rub and warre warreau run
shoulders with Descartes
7.30 Golem: Music Projects,
London, under Richard Bernas
performs John Casken's twoact chamber opera, to a
libretto by the composer and
Pierre Audi. With Adrian
Clarke, bartone, as Maharat

and John Hall, bass-bantone, as Golem
Drama Now: When the Barbanans Came. Don Taylor's "political thriller" is an allegory of Thatcherism set in Rome, 370 AD. With Norman Rodway as Marcus and Frances Barber se tolia (d) s Julia (r) as Julia (r)
10.50 Chopin (Four Scherzi: No 1 in
B minor, Op 20; No 2 in B flat
minor, Op 31; No 3 in C shap
minor, Op 39; No 4 in E, Op
54; Daniel Adni, piano) (r)

11.30 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Knussen and Holloway

1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland) (as Radio 5 at 9am) 2.30-3.10 Night School Extra: Schalt mal ein! (3 and 4)

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(s) Stereo on FM
5.55 Shipping Forecast 6.00 News
Briefing, ind 6.03 Weather
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today,
ind 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30
News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45
Thought for the Day 8.58
Weather 9.00 News
9.05 Bection Call: 071-799 5000.
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Voters can ring the chancellor Norman Lamont
10.00 Daily Service (1.W only)
10.00 Grand Tour (FM only)

● CHOICE: Once the brassy soundtrack score from the MGM movie San Francisco stops threatening to drown her Mass Annafon; the larch

her, Maya Angelou, the black American writer, comes over loud, dear, and characteristically saltily in these recollections of her glithoodrecollections of her girthoodto-womanhood years in the
Californian city. She has never
stopped lowing San Francisco,
although she no longer lives
there. She applauds the
tolerance it extends to all races
and sexual persuasions. Much
of what she says this morning
she has already said in her
book, I Know Why the Caged
Bird Sings, but few will
complain about this reprise (s)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Ezekiel.
Paul Scofield reads the fifth of
six episodes

six episodes 10.30-12.00 Campaign Report (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only): Jill
Burridge talks to parents of
autistic children. Incl 11.00

News
11.30-12.00 Medicine Now (FM only): An investigation of the Peto treatment for cerebral palsy sufferers
12.00 You and Yours, with Debbie

12.25pm Quote. . Unquote: Nigel
Rees hosts the quotations
game (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One (LW only
from 1.40)
1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 Thirty-Munutr Theatre: High
Flyer. A high-flying salesman
takes a dive. Written by Craig
Warner (s) 12.25pm Quote. . . Unquote: Nigel

Warner (s).

2.30 The Politics of Choice (LW only): Robin Lustig is joined by a panel of independent experts

Starts: 2.05 Peny Mason (1487324) 3.00 Use at Three (2005735) 4.00 News (85170986) followed by Kate and Allie (246870) 4.30 Gloss (309300) 5.20 Out of Limits (15330870) 5.30 A Country Practice (23848736 60 The Actual of 1057771)

RADIO 4

to examine the transport and environmental policies of the main parties
2.30 Richard Balter Compares
Notes (FM only) with guitarists Juan Martin and Tim Walker (s) 3.00-4.00 Campaign Report (LW

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3.00-4.00 Campaign Report (LW only).
3.00 Tuesday Lives (FM only), with loanna Buchan (s)
4.00 News:
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews
Casanose Undone and a new production of Lulu at the Citizens' Theatre in Glasgow, talks to Hank Wangford about his trip to South America; and reviews Blena Borner's autobiography Mothers and Daughters (s)
4.45 Short Story. The Brand of

Daughters (s)

4.45 Short Story: The Brand of Eve. David Shaw-Parker reads C.S. Forester's tale

5.00 PM, with Valerie Singleton and Frank Partridge 5.50 Weather 5.55 Shipping Forecast

5.40 Party Election Broadcast by the Labour party

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 No Commitments: Empty Vesels. Second of a six-part series by Simon Brett. With Rosemary Leach as Anna, Nicola Pagett as Victoria (s) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)

7.20 The Spies Are Among Us

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(FM only): Joanna Buchan
reveals some of the secrets left
behind in East Germany by the
Staci (d) Stasi (s) 8.00-9.00 Campaign Report (LW only)
8.00 Science Now (FM only) (r)
8.30-9.00 Age to Age (FM only):
Sean Street seamines reforms in education since 1640 (r)
9.80 in Touch, presented by Tony Barringer

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9.30 Kaleldoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with
Alexander MacLeod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love is
Blue, by Joan Wyncham. Read by Prunella Scales (2 of 10)
11.00 The Radio Programme (s) (r)
11.30 Election Plutform
12.00-12.43am News, ind 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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